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The following Monograph makes no pretence to the infallibility of a Treatise.

An attempt to give practical shape to suggestions made ten years ago—the utmost that can be claimed for it is that it may serve as a point of departure for more deliberate work in other and more competent hands.

Meanwhile, it is hoped that it has been so written that no one but its Author can, properly, be held responsible for the subversive theory which it seeks to establish.

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ABBREVIATIONS.

“ Brit. Mus.”	-	-	-	-	British Museum.
“ D.”	-	-	-	-	Daulby's Catalogue.
“ W.”	-	-	-	-	Wilson's Catalogue.



INTRODUCTORY REMARKS.



THE action of the Club in bringing together the present collection has been mainly utilitarian: its aim—in furtherance of a special object to be presently described—not so much to gratify the eye as to assist the judgment, and, in the case of the advanced Rembrandt Student, to stimulate the critical faculty.

That object may be thus briefly explained. On the occasion of a former Exhibition of the Etchings of Rembrandt, in the Old Club House in 1867, it was suggested to the Committee that the arrangement according to *Subject*, then universally adopted, was fatal to the comprehensive study of such works, and that it might with advantage be discarded for the more rational order of *date of production*; that an arbitrary method, by which works of the latest were mixed up with works of the earliest period, confused

the sense, perverted the judgment, and rendered critical examination and comparison impossible ; and, generally, that such a system, though it might satisfy the Cataloguer, was unworthy of the Biographer and useless to the Student. The Art work of a lifetime, it was contended, should not be looked at as a series of hap-hazard disjointed efforts, but as the continuous expression of a prolonged chain of logical sequences depending for their coherence on the due maintenance of the order of their production, and only to be properly understood when studied in that order ; and finally it was hinted—and that with tolerable confidence—that if this unintelligent and incoherent classification were reversed, and a more consecutive method of arrangement substituted for it, new matter yet unsuspected in regard to the Etched Work of Rembrandt might be brought to light, and grave errors of attribution as to some of his larger published plates be both proved and rectified.

To these representations—novel and revolutionary as they no doubt felt them to be—the Committee were good enough to listen, and hence it came to be conceded not only that there should be a second Exhibition of the Etched Works of Rembrandt in the rooms of the Club, but that that exhibition, in accordance with one of the fundamental objects for which the Club was established, should be made subservient to a directly

useful purpose. Discarding therefore, the methods of the Cataloguers from Gersaint downwards, we have now, for the first time, what may be called the Natural History of Rembrandt before our eyes, and may read, *pari passu* with the events of his Life, the motives of that Art of which those events were but the proximate cause. Admitted thus to the intimacy at once of the Artist and of the Man, we may here see him dealing with those magic fragments of copper to be measured only by inches on which his earliest essays were made; and, following him through the changes of style and execution of his middle period, may still attend him till his power, constantly augmenting, culminates in the impressive conceptions of his latest day—"Christ before Pilate" and the great "Crucifixion." We may perhaps be pardoned, if—brought suddenly into the presence of a great story thus graphically told, and while even yet in the full enjoyment and fruition of a grateful dream thus at length realised—a somewhat less grateful thought should carry us on to that inevitable time when, in common with all sublunary things, this wealth of treasure must come to be dispersed, and when our "Hundred Guilders in the First State," our "Rembrandts with the Sabre," our "Tholinx's," our "Buenos with the Black Ring," our "Old Haaring's," and our "Turned-up Hats and Embroidered Mantles"—with their inestimable dates and *griffonments*, and which by a generous courtesy we are now

permitted to enjoy as our own—will pass into hands that know us not.

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Orlers, a Magistrate and Burgomaster of Leyden, having access to the municipal archives, and writing at a time when Rembrandt was alive to contradict him, tells us plainly that he was born on the 15th of July, 1606, and that, “become one of the most renowned painters of the century,” he had removed to Amsterdam, where “in this year of 1641 he still lives;” while Rembrandt himself, in a precious note on his own portrait, contributed by Mr. Holford tells us no less plainly that in 1631, when that portrait was executed, he was twenty-four years of age—“*Rembrandt, f. 1631, Æ. 24,*”—the note clearly showing that the portrait in question was made in the early part of the year—*i.e.*, before the 15th of July—and that the supposition that he was born in 1607 or 1608 is gratuitous.

Nor, since it is an object of this paper to deal with error in whatever form it may present itself in connexion with Rembrandt, is there any better ground for the fable that he was born of needy parents and in his father's mill, seeing that his parents lived at the time of his birth in a well-to-do house in the Weddesteege of Leyden, and that when the family property came to be divided some years

later on the death of his mother it consisted, besides "the house with land adjoining it" on the Weddesteeg, of "a house and land " on the Rhine, a house and land on the old Rampart, two other " houses (smaller) on the Rhine, two houses behind the three last, " and of a pleasure garden on the principal dyke of the town—besides " a-half share in the mill near the Whitte-Poert " (valued alone at 3,064 fl.,) and of " effects in gold and jewellery, and letters of rent."

Rembrandt, then, was of Burgher, not pauper origin, and his entry into the world was consistent with that status, since we find him in 1630 taking a good house on the Breedstraat of Amsterdam, and shortly afterwards aspiring to, and effecting, an alliance with the considerable family of Rombartus van Ulenburg, Jurisconsult, Councillor and Burgomaster of Leëuwarden, a member of the Court of Friseland, and more than once a political envoy from that Court.* Of this marriage with Saskia van Ulenburg, if time and space permitted, we should have much to say, since it furnished the proud and happy husband with many a motive for his art during the eight years of sunshine that succeeded it. Saskia, however, died in 1642, leaving to Rembrandt the usufruct of her

* NOTE.—It is this Rombartus who reports to his fellow magistrates how, on an occasion when he had been treated with marked affability and retained to dinner by William the Taciturn, the Prince, on leaving the table, had been assassinated by " a Bourgoingnon."—VOSMAER, "Rembrandt sa vie et ses œuvres," p. 43. La Haye, 1868.

property for as long as he should continue unmarried, with remainder to a son born of the marriage. From that moment, when the romance of his life may be said to have ended, comparatively little is known of Rembrandt. Whether, in the cloud that then began to gather about him and which finally enveloped him, this boy was a cause, or, whether, as some have not unreasonably supposed, Titus, by the various legal processes in which he figured, was merely an instrument to save for his father the wreck of a declining estate ; whether the cause of that decline was the reaction which often follows great success, or the general impoverishment consequent on the disastrous foreign wars in which Holland was then engaged ; or whether, as Sandrart suggests, Rembrandt would have been a richer man if he had known how to "*ménager les gens qu' il fréquentait*," it is not within the scope of this article to enquire. That of which we are only too certain is that, somewhere about 1654, he did marry again and that, in order to satisfy the claims put forth by the trustees of Titus, who was a minor, he was obliged to make an inventory of the goods which he had enjoyed in common with Saskia ; that he valued those goods at 40,000 fl., and that they realised less than 5,000 fl. ; and that this, with the sum produced by the sale of his house in 1660 for 6,700 fl., being insufficient to satisfy the claim against him, he became a bankrupt—and also, that, for some unexplained reason, his brother Adrian and his sister Elizabeth, both of whom had received a larger share of the patrimonial

estate than he, fell into extreme poverty about the same time. But what it chiefly concerns us to know is that through all the troubles that followed upon the death of Saskia and his subsequent marriage, his constitutional energy and industry never forsook him and that, from that time till his own death, though we hear of him and see him no longer, he was no less than at any period of his career adding to his power, and, both by his painting and etching, accumulating immortality. The following simple entry in the *Livre Mortuaire* of the Wester Kerk, of Amsterdam, is the last word we have of him:—

“Tuesday 8 Oct., 1669, Rembrandt Van Riyn, Painter, on the Roozegraft, opposite the Doolhof. Leaves two children.”

A theory of Rembrandt's latest day, however, has been recently advanced so much more grateful to subscribe to than the received account and which is to some extent confirmed by the relatively considerable sum of 16fl. spent on his funeral, that we transcribe it *tel quel* :—

“Un jour,” says Mons. Vosmaer, “j’allai à la recherche au Rozegracht pour “voir encore s’il ne restait plus de trace de la dernière demeure de Rembrandt, qui “ne paraissait plus être connue. En face de l’emplacement où s’est trouvé le vieux “*Doolhof* au côté nord, je remarquai deux façades de vieux style, portant des écussons, “avec la date 1652. Or c’est vers 1656 que Rembrandt s’établit sur ce quai. Au “rez-de-chaussée d’une de ces maisons, se trouve l’atelier de M. Stracké, statuaire.

“ Dès que j’entrai et regardais autour de moi, une vive ressemblance me frappa,
 “ Rembrandt a fait un croquis d’un vestibule, probablement dans sa maison. La vue
 “ est prise d’une chambre attenante, où au coin gauche se trouve une presse, à droite
 “ quelques marches d’un escalier. A travers la porte on voit le vestibule, deux
 “ fenêtres et une porte ouverte, par lesquelles on aperçoit le feuillage d’un arbre, un
 “ quai et les façades du côté opposé du canal. Voilà bien le même lieu que celui où
 “ je me trouvais ! M. Stracké eut la bienveillance de me montrer toute la maison,
 “ dont l’état actuel permet de saisir celui d’autrefois. Le plancher qui séparait les caves
 “ du premier étage a disparu, mais on voit encore les consoles des poutres. Au
 “ second étage, deux chambres ; celle qui donne sur le quai avait eu une belle cheminée
 “ et les murs sont encore garnis de plaques en faïence colorée, recouvertes aujourd
 “ hui d’un papier moderne. L’autre appartement, qui a bien pu se prêter comme
 “ atelier de peintre, a trois fenêtres sur le nord. Le propriétaire a assuré au locataire
 “ actuel que la maison fut autrefois tellement garnie de marbre que la valeur des
 “ dépouilles en avait dépassé le prix d’achat de la maison. Même une ruelle,
 “ conduisant aux parties attenantes de la maison, en était pavée et aujourd’hui encore
 “ le dallage de la cuisine est en marbre de Carrare ! On voit que la maison, nouvelle-
 “ ment construite alors, n’avait pas l’apparence d’une pauvre retraite.

“ Voilà donc apparemment la demeure où le vieil artiste a passé ses derniers
 “ jours et où sont encore écloses tant de chefs-d’oeuvre.”

It is necessary before proceeding further, to say a word on the part played by Etching in the time of which we are writing, and in explanation of that condition of the etched plate which is technically called a “State.”

How comes it, it may first be asked, that the Old Masters made Etching—“Painter’s Etching” as it was called to distinguish it from

Engraver's copy—so essential a part of their practice and that with us moderns it is a comparatively lost art? The answer is obvious. Etching is a direct and personal, as well as a reproductive, art, and, in the days when locomotion was difficult and communication limited, it was at once a means of extending the reputation of the artist and enlarging his market, and of putting into the hands of persons at a distance and of modest fortunes work as original as his painting, at a nominal cost. The engraving of the present day, or even of the day of the great English mezzotinters, (who may be said to have done for Reynolds what Rembrandt did for himself,) supplies the same want in a much less perfect degree, seeing that the engraver's work, however useful in disseminating design, is, as to execution and expression, but speech at second hand, while Etching is utterance *à vive voix*. Etching, therefore, and with reason, entered largely into both the Practice and the Commerce of Art in Rembrandt's day. Simple people like ourselves profited by that commerce; nor have we in these later times any reason to complain of it. How else in a small Society like this could we produce, at a month's notice and exhibit to others at a glance, the whole artistic side of such a life as Rembrandt's—how in our own persons, possess and enjoy, as we are able to do, not one but a dozen of his undoubted works! We venture to think the modern painter much to blame for his indifference to so original, prolific, and passionate an art—an indifference to which we owe the idea that has come to be spread abroad that Etching, the most

difficult of the Arts and the one which most requires the experience of the master, is fitted only for the amusement of the amateur; and which again, has taught the latter to believe that in proportion as he is ignorant and untrained he can practise it successfully. To Philip Gilbert Hamerton* is due the merit of amending this error and of replacing by philosophical and sound reasoning original Etching on its true æsthetical foundations; and to this Club, no less the credit of proving, by its splendid demonstration of to-day, that it is, *par excellence*, a Painter's Art.

A thing which cannot fail to strike the observer in making the tour of the Gallery of the Club is the constant repetition of the word "State." Two distinct notions, we may explain, attach to that word, the popular notion and the collector's notion. The popular notion is that the finished must be better than the unfinished state of a plate; the collector's that the first, which is usually the unfinished state, is the more desirable of the two; the less critical observer, in short, preferring to be in possession of what he would call the ultimate mind of the artist—the more fastidious collector of the freshness of his first impression. As usual in the settlement of such questions, reason and unreason meet, and both must be made allowance for. Thus, if we consider the spontaneity which distinguishes

* "Etching and Etchers," 2d Edit. 8vo. Macmillan, 187 .

Etching from every other art—the impulse, the sensitiveness, and the emphasis which constitute its chief claim to interest and which determine the brilliancy of its suggestions—the collector has the best of it; if a more effective tonality and a corrected drawing be preferred, the less sensitive *acquéreur* has the advantage. Our own sympathies, we need scarcely say, are with the collector, who evinces in this preference a correct appreciation of the intention of Etching. But to proceed. Between the true “first” and true “second” state of an etched plate a distinct interval of time must always be supposed to have elapsed, an interval during which the spirit in which the work was undertaken has had time to cool or at all events undergo a change, and, in the subsequent elaboration which is to constitute the new state, to be even altogether lost. The earlier the state also, as a rule, the better the impression, but not necessarily so, and upon this we desire to lay particular stress. And there is yet another point which, as practical etchers and printers, we would submit to the consideration of the purchaser of etchings, and that is that it is not every addition to a plate which properly constitutes a “State.” Practically, what happens when the Etcher takes his plate to the printers, or proceeds to print it himself, is this—the artist may, if we will, be Rembrandt and the plate the portrait of the Burgomaster Six. An impression, or possibly two only, may have been taken, when it is seen that the height of the window-sill coming too near the shoulder of the Burgomaster affects unfavourably the

freedom and movement of the figure, so—the plate being a “dry point” which will yield but few impressions, and perhaps a precious plate on other accounts—it is taken home at once, the objectionable sill in it is reduced, a false line in the *contour* of the face removed, and the artist's name and the date are added to the right hand corner. This done, he again goes with it to the printer, and, while at the press side, rectifies first a misplacement of two of the numerals comprising the date, and, probably after another impression or two, thinks it better to add the name and age of Six to the left hand corner of the work. Now, Rembrandt himself would tell us, as we now also venture to submit to the collector, that these four or five exceptional, unsettled impressions anterior to the main *tirage*, were but “trial proofs,” and the printer will go farther and aver that they were not “good” proofs. But three centuries later comes the Biographer and Cataloguer, and with him the dealer, to tell us something quite different—the first with laudable precision to describe three different states of the plate—the last to persuade us that the two first of these “states” are worth three times more money than the perfected plate. We desire to say that there is room for grave misconception here, and that the slight differences we have described in such a plate do not properly constitute so many states expressive of a descending scale of value, real or conventional, but that as “trial impressions” they are not so good as when the plate, in technical

phrase, has "begun to print"—that is to say, when the ink has fairly begun to enter the deeper lines, and the printer has had time to become what is technically called "acquainted with his plate;" and, more than this, that as these desirable conditions do not usually happen till towards the eighth or tenth impression, it follows as a matter of course that the third state of such a plate is likely to be, as to impression, better than the first. In a "bitten" plate, like that of Clement de Jonge (Coll. 147), the case is different. Here, because the plate is more durable, there may be, and probably there have been, a considerable number of impressions taken of each condition of it. Each one of these conditions may, therefore, with propriety, be called a "State."

A word, also, about dates. The signature and date upon a plate might with reason be supposed to indicate the time of its execution. It does not necessarily do so. Thus, the signature and date of a plate will often not be found upon it till the second or third state, or even, as in the case of the "Christ before Pilate," till the fourth state of the plate. Now, in the case of so formidable a work as this, many weeks, and even months, may elapse between the printing of the first and the printing of this fourth state; and, after all, the date found on that plate may refer, not to the time of its composition and first printing, but to the fourth printing of it. As practical Etchers we can attest this to be frequently the case and we

shall revert to the subject when we come to speak, as we shall have to do, of the "Crucifixion," a companion and probably posterior plate to this, but which, for all that, bears a date anterior to it.

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We have now to address ourselves to a part of our task which appeals to the advanced student rather than to the general reader. Having glanced at so much of the life of Rembrandt as connects itself immediately or remotely with that branch of his art with which only we have undertaken to deal, and seen the part borne by original Etching in the business of the painter of his day, we come to the main purposes of this sketch, which are—Firstly, to inform ourselves of the actual means which Rembrandt took to develop the Art in his own particular case and to make it profitable to him in the way of his profession ; and Secondly, and principally, to inquire whether the whole of the extensive work before us is undoubtedly by his hand, or whether any and what portion of it may with greater probability be attributed to the hands of others—whether this treasure, in short, is without alloy, or whether its ring has been in any degree impaired by admixture with a baser metal. For ourselves, reverting to what has been hinted at at the commencement of this paper, we must state at once our belief that all we have here is *not* by the hand of Rembrandt ;

that for many years past, as our acquaintance with his work has become more intimate, this belief has strengthened ; and that, by the rare opportunity for comparative study which has been afforded us by the present Exhibition, it has assumed all the proportions of a conviction. But how are we to impart this belief to others ? If Rembrandt's hand is not in all we here see, whose is the hand that has displaced it, or been a sharer with his in the work ? This is the question which it is at once the main purpose of this exhibition to raise and the chief attempt of this imperfect page to answer. How solve it ? How account for the fact that these Etchings, the authenticity of many of which we say we doubt, are yet, one and all, signed "*Rembrandt*," and that no name, either of pupil or assistant, appears on any one of them ? The position, it must be confessed, is embarrassing. On the other hand, now that we have them arranged in the order of their date of production, how comes it that one etching, say of 1633, is so unlike, and inferior to, another etching of 1633, that one of them, on the face of it, is the work of the master, the other of the man ? The conflict being between sense and evidence, how bring these into agreement ? Obviously, only by sifting the evidence anew.

And the evidence is this. In 1630, or thereabouts, we have seen Rembrandt, as yet with no practice but with a reputation which, doubtless, had preceded him, taking a house on the Breedstraat of

Amsterdam of unreasonable dimensions for a bachelor of twenty-three, unless some ulterior object attached to the venture. What was that object? Houbraken tells us plainly that it was the formation of a School :—" He divided the whole of the upper part of the house," he says, "into cellules or small studios for the reception of pupils, who, by " this kind of segregation, were to preserve their individuality;" while Sandrart more specifically informs us who and what those pupils were, and what was the work they did there. To this testimony of Sandrart, whose knowledge of Rembrandt was confined to this portion of his career, we invite the particular attention of the reader, because in it we find the first germ of the solution for which we are looking. " His house," says Sandrart, " was constantly full of pupils of good "family who paid him 100 florins annually, without counting the "advantage he derived from their painting *and engraving*, which "amounted to 2,000 or 2,500 florins more." Who, we now ask, were those pupils—can they be shown to have been also etchers? Where are those engravings by which Rembrandt profited so largely, but which the Catalogues make no allowance for?

The first pupil that joined Rembrandt in the Breedstraat was Jan Van Vliet—that went with him there, rather, since he was already with him at Leyden—an etcher. Then Ferdinand Bol—an etcher. Then Jan Lievens—an etcher. Then Goevart Flink; then Jacob Backer, Gerard Dow, and De Wedt, (but which of the

brothers we know not, except that it was the same that painted the "Raising of Lazarus" now at St. Petersburg). Then De Poorter, an etcher; Savry, an etcher; and Victor. Then Philip Koninck, an etcher; then Gerbrandt Van den Eckhout, an etcher; and, probably about the same time, P. Œ. Rodermondt and J. Verbeecq, both etchers. There were many more—thirty in fact in his house at a time, and many of them etchers too—but as they did not join Rembrandt till after the time at which, as we shall presently show, he had ceased to avail himself of pupil work in his engraved publications (that is to say till after 1639), we abstain from naming them. Well, what do we know of the etched works of these men? Does it in any way resemble in style and manner what we now see on the walls of our gallery? We answer, with considerable confidence, that it does; that we have there, in one and the same year, the work of Rembrandt, the work of Lievens, and the work of Bol, and the work of all three of them together. Is that really so? Is it susceptible of proof? If it is, then must the arrangement of every Cabinet in Europe be altered—every *Catalogue Raisonné* extant, become obsolete! We are aware of this, and are sensible of the gravity of the position we are creating. We know what our distinguished and courteous friend, Monsieur Charles Blanc, who has committed himself to the old heresy, will say. Still we shrink not. Why should we? We are but proposing to exchange our habit of thinking in one direction—or possibly of taking things for granted without thinking at all—

for the use of our eyes, and asking the same sacrifice of others. We do but suggest that they shall examine closely, critically, and anew, as we have done, the various public collections of the signed Etchings of Rembrandt's Scholars, and then—while the eye is full of what they have seen—that they shall carry their corrected knowledge with them into our Club gallery and compare it with what they find there. The following references—we apologise for the necessity of making them—will facilitate the enquiry :—

Jan Van Vliet.—The characteristic of Van Vliet, the youngest of Rembrandt's pupils, is blackness, violent opposition of light and shade destructive of all tonality and all repose ; coarse, incorrect drawing ; vulgarity and exaggeration of expression ; absence of quality. How could such a man be tolerated, much less employed, by such a master ! How permitted, as we see he was (Wilson, 28-29), to make distorted second states of some of Rembrandt's plates, and even to attach to vile copies of others of them his master's name (W. 8, 15, Signed "*R. H. 1631*," 136), and many more, of which, in particular, may be instanced (Brit. Mus.) his copy of "Rembrandt in a turned-up hat and embroidered mantle," with the signature and date of "*R. H., 1631*," in close, and evidently intentional, *fac simile*, but with a mistake in the last numeral of the date of 4 for 1. The work, however, of Van Vliet does not appear in any but the earliest Etchings of Rembrandt, and in the crowd of

"small Heads" which have been recklessly attributed to him by the Cataloguers. After that it was confined to the reproduction of his master's works, and, in its *ensemble*, constitutes the "*cupboard full of prints by Van Vliet, after pictures by Rembrandt*," which figure in the catalogue of the bankruptcy. Van Vliet's work was too bad to be admitted into any of the reproductions we have here.

Ferdinand Bol.—*En revanche*, there was nothing vulgar about Ferdinand Bol, but rather a quiet dignity which brought his work into closer harmony with that of Rembrandt than could be said of the work of any other of his scholars. He was, besides, a close imitator not only of the manner, but of the actual *modus operandi* of Rembrandt—a copier not only of the subject but of the very lines which composed it, so that at times, except for an absence of purpose inherent in the copied line—it is extremely difficult to say of two things at once so similar and so dissimilar—this is by Rembrandt and this by Bol. His weeds and broken foregrounds (Daulby 2), his foliage and middle distances (Brit. Mus. 20 and D. 2), and his treatment of masonry (B. M. 20.) are studied *fac similes* of the same accessories when employed by Rembrandt (Coll. 19), and the action and drawing of his hands are invariably good. See also (Brit. Mus. 12, 13) (Daulby 3, 8, 9). His hand, in our opinion, is largely seen in the present Collection.

Jan Lievens.—Lievens, since he signed his own works and was of the same age as Rembrandt, must be considered as a *Sectateur* and assistant rather than as a pupil.* His style is of three distinct kinds—his own, thin and without force (Brit. Mus. D. 1)—that of Rembrandt (Brit. Mus. 45, and Coll. 37)—and a late semi-Italian, or “noble” style, as it was called, which he acquired at Antwerp (Brit. Mus. 40, 42). His diagnostic mark is an attempt to express dramatic force by a protrusion of the eye-ball and an exaggerated isolation of the pupil (Coll. 36A, Brit. Mus. 7), and by a treatment of atmospheric back grounds by curls and vagaries of the needle, intended to be like Rembrandt’s, but really like nothing either in art or in nature (Brit. Mus. 14) (Coll. 37 and 36B). He was extensively employed by Rembrandt in the production of his larger etchings, and we shall have much to say of him when we come to speak of those etchings, (Coll. 16, 41) of which, we hold, there are several in the Gallery. His powers became greatly developed in after life, and, when he left Rembrandt, he did some fine things on his own account, both portraits (D. 55) and woodcuts (W. 318).

Philip Koninck.—But the artist nature—the robust organisation—most akin to Rembrandt’s was Philip Koninck’s. His paintings

* By the *Acte Constitutif* of the Guild of Painters at the Hague it was forbidden to a pupil during his apprenticeship, under penalty of a fine, to sign his own works.

and etchings, both portrait and landscape, so closely approach those of his great prototype that we may well expect to find evidence of his collaboration with Rembrandt in his engraved publications. We do not find it, however, for the reason, probably, that he did not join Rembrandt till between 1635 and 1640, when, with one or two exceptions (Coll. 61, 62) he had ceased to avail himself of pupil-work in his etchings. His name, therefore, is introduced here rather to discharge than convict him of any such supposed association.

Paulus Ægidius Rottermondt (or Rodermondt), like Van Vliet, was engaged in making etchings with the signature of Rembrandt in *fac simile*, but whether as a disciple or a mere appropriator we have been unable to determine. His etching of "Esau Selling his Birthright" (Brit. Mus.), reminds us of the "Good Samaritan" (Coll. 19) and there are some cocks and hens in it in the middle distance ludicrously like the conventional birds which figure in that much overestimated print.

Philip Virbeecq.—The etchings of Verbeecq are also singularly like the early work of Rembrandt, and of the "Good Samaritan" in particular, but are said to have been done, which, however, we, much doubt, before his time.

Salomon Savry confined himself to the Etching of "Beggars"

(W. 174, 175), which are freely signed with Rembrandt's name, with the one exception of "The Ratcatcher" (Coll. 14), the copy of which he avows.

In all these cases the difficulty of ascription is enhanced by three things. Firstly, by the *acte constitutif* of the Guild of Painters at the Hague already mentioned, which forbade pupils during their apprenticeship to sign their own works. Secondly, by the fact that the etchings which these pupils were employed upon are, after all, from Rembrandt's design, and therefore imbued with his manner. Thirdly, by the circumstance that these etchings are rendered all the more *trompeuse* by having received Rembrandt's corrections and by being published with his *imprimatur*.

But stranger still than that Rembrandt should have employed his pupils to carry out his designs is the fact that he himself, and that in a fashion quite undisguised, availed himself on numerous occasions of theirs; thus—Jan Van de Velde is the reputed author of "The Good Samaritan" (W. 95), "The Pancake Woman" (W. 128), and "The Charlatan"* (W. 132); Beham of the *Gueux*, with the inscriptions "*t'is Vinnich Kout*" and "*dats niet*," which Rembrandt copied and Savry etched (W. 174, 175); Lievens, of the three

* Vosmaer, p. 39. See present Essay, page 36.

“Oriental Heads” (W. 288, 289, 290); Jan de Wedt, so it is said, of much of the motive of the great “Raising of Lazarus” (W. 77); Bol of the plate attributed to, but only adopted by, Rembrandt in the “Pampiere Werld”; Eckhout of the “Sacrifice of Abraham” (W. 39), which Rembrandt so improved upon in his Etching as to make it his own; Martin Van Heemskerck of two of the subjects from the Life of Tobit; Leonardo da Vinci of the famous Rembrandt drawing, with slight variations, of “The Last Supper,” in the Collection of M. De Vos; Heemskerck again of the “Return of the Prodigal” (Coll. 40). Hercules Seghers of the Flight into Egypt (Coll. 168). Gerard Dow of the Woman of Samaria at the Ruins? (W. 74). Herkman’s of the subject known as “Adverse Fortune” (W. 115), and others whose names we cannot call to mind of the “Travelling Musicians” (W. 123), the small “Disciples at Emmaus” (W. 93), and the “Onion Woman” (Ch. Blanc 102). To these, also, may be added the great “St. Jerome at the foot of a Tree” (Coll. 122), which is after a drawing by Titian, and several other etchings, in which Titian’s or Campagnola’s drawings or prints furnished motives for the backgrounds (Coll. 171, 180, 203).

But strangest fact of all—several of these pupils came to be, in the estimation of Rembrandt’s contemporaries, of greater account than he. If a public work or historical fact, such as the visit of Henrietta Maria to Amsterdam, had to be illustrated, it was Lievens or Bol,

not Rembrandt, who was called upon by the authorities to immortalize it. If a large price had to be paid for a picture, it was Flink who was the Millais of the day. If verses in honour of Painting had to be composed, it was to Koninck, not Rembrandt, that the bays were awarded.

“ Roi Philippe.” “ Roi (*i.e.* König) par le pinceau et les couleurs.”

It was to no purpose that Rembrandt, then in the Rozengracht, was painting and etching with a splendour hitherto unequalled. A reaction had set in. His *prestige* had departed. It was no longer necessary, as Houbraken once told us, to paint like Rembrandt to command success ; what was now necessary was not to paint like him. Six florins was enough for a portrait of his then going begging for a purchaser, while Flink was living in a palace, and Vondel was exalting him and Koninck at Rembrandt's expence,

“ C'est Flink dont la Clarte nous sert d'avis.”

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“ Painting also has its Sons of Darkness,

“ Like owls loving the night ;

“ While Koninck follows truth,

“ And, dealing not in false shadows

“ Or in phantoms clothed in black,

“ Paints life and nature as it is—*clear*.”

All of which, doubtless, the “Son of Darkness,” and the “Owl loving the night,” received with unruffled equanimity.

We may now enter the Gallery, and, without losing sight of the special object with which the Collection has been brought together proceed to the examination of its contents. The larger figures above the frames refer to the year in which it is assumed the etchings were produced; the numbers on the frames to the order in which, as nearly as may be, they were executed. The presumed date of production was arrived at in the following manner. The dated etchings of a given year were first hung; then those which are not dated, but which present a similarity of manner with the dated etchings of that year; or which are known to have some necessary association with the events of Rembrandt's life at that time; or which immediately follow on pictures of the same subject painted in that or the previous year; or, if portraits, when they correspond with the known age of the individual at the time. Thus the little etching of the dying Saskia (Coll. 90), which is an undated work of the style of the middle period, finds its place in 1642, partly because it is like the work of 1642, partly because, on the face of it, it is a portrait of Saskia, and partly because it is known that Saskia died in that year. By the aid of these and other *data* the task of assignment has proved by no means so difficult as had been prophesied, and for all the purposes of a comprehensive study of the Master it may, we think, be taken as sufficiently correct.

This much premised—a single tour of the Gallery, in the direc-

tion, of the arrow of indication, will show us much that this article is meant to demonstrate. Manifest differences of style and treatment marking the dawn, growth, and maturity of Rembrandt's genius, will probably strike us first ; then a certain inequality in the work of the first ten years, as if different hands had been employed upon it—coarse publications like the “*Ecce Homo*,” coming in incongruous apposition with refined plates like the “*Death of the Virgin*,” melodramatic efforts like the “*Raising of Lazarus*,” with timid representations like the “*Good Samaritan*”—and so forth. These once passed, a greater homogeneity of design and handling will become apparent, and then Landscape, will be seen not only to have a place, but to become so unexpectedly predominant as nearly to fill the wall space devoted to the next ten years. Then, at last, this in its turn will give way to portraits, compositions, and biblical subjects of such transcendent power and beauty that we shall need no more to convince us that the apogee of this form of art has been reached.

Our circuit will also have suggested this to us, that, in our more deliberate examination of the prints before us as well as for the convenience of such passing reference as we shall here have to make to them, we shall do well to consider them as belonging, not only to certain years, but, to one or other of three periods, or decenniads ; an Early, or first period—from 1628 to 1639 ; a Middle, or second period—from 1640 to 1650 ; and a Late, or third period—from 1651 to 1661.

EARLY PERIOD. 1628 TO 1639.

We have said that a chief object in the present arrangement has been to obtain by it the advantage, never yet enjoyed on such a scale, of comparing one etching with another so as to arrive at a knowledge of what is and what is not by Rembrandt. As it happens, an example of this kind of advantage meets us at the very threshold. Thus, if we compare the subtle portrait of Rembrandt's mother (Coll. 3) and the spirited little etching of Rembrandt himself (Coll. 9) with an aged head which is a little below it (Coll. 10) we shall see at once that, of the three things, two only are by the same hand, and, from what we now know of the work of Rembrandt's scholars, that the third is by Bol. Similar or analogous mistakes, it may here be mentioned, have been constantly met with and corrected during the hanging of the Collection, till at length, by a process of expurgation, which, however, has still left us quite questionable prints enough for illustration, the Gallery been in great measure cleared of them.

Portraits of Rembrandt, and his mother and wife, abound in this period, those of himself being commonly in some fancy costume which in the gravity of mature age we notice he does not condescend to. The most important of these is "Rembrandt in a turned-up hat and embroidered mantle" (Coll. 7), on the first state of which we have

Rembrandt's drawing, with signature, date, and age, in his own hand writing. We shall do well to spend a little time over this interesting and valuable print, partly because of the evidence it gives us of Rembrandt's age, and partly because it is necessary we should know that the chalk additions to it were made not at the time of its execution, 1631, but at some period posterior to that date. The handling, the writing, and the discrepancy between the signature in full and the "*R. H.*," which was his proper signature at that time and which appears on every subsequent state of the plate except the 7th state, leave us in no doubt as to this. Then "Rembrandt with three moustaches,"* (Coll. 21), a small head of extreme beauty and vivacity should be noticed; then three others which occur towards the end of the series—"Rembrandt in a cap and feather" (Coll. 48), "Rembrandt with a drawn sabre" (W. 18), and "Rembrandt leaning on a sill" (Coll. 52), the latter having on both the first and second states, as in Mr. Holford's print, the artist's drawing in pencil. We do not class the all but unique "Rembrandt with an aigrette" (Coll. 25), among his portraits, because the face, compared with (21,) is clearly not his, and because it has a distinct mole near the nose which Rembrandt had not. Among the portraits of his mother—which, by the way, are by no means of good quality or sufficiently

* We repeat these titles to avoid confusion, but it is high time that a new and more simple nomenclature were adopted.

ample as to selection—is, besides the charming head of 1628, one (12) which deserves notice from the fact that it is in widow's weeds for the death of Harmen (his father), and that Rembrandt has availed himself of that event to attach his name to it at full length ; up to that time his signature having been, as has been shown* "*R. H.*" ("Rembrandt Harmenszoon"—Harmen's son). The fine head of his wife, Saskia (26, 27), then a bride, next claims attention ; the 1st rare state, in particular, because of its extraordinary brilliancy of execution and of the consummate way in which it is lighted, and also because it is an instance of how much may be lost, even in such hands as Rembrandt's, in the elaboration of an etching, or rather in the act of taking it up to work upon it a second time. To judge by the shadow projected by the head, the etching in its 1st state would seem to have been made opposite an ordinary window, and, from the position of the same shadow in subsequent states, to have been completed in the studio—with how much loss to its luminous quality it is needless to say.

We now come to a series of prints which belong entirely to this period (some of which are here, but the majority of which have been excluded), the authenticity of which we distinctly impugn ; that is, we say of them that they are only in part—and that in small part—

* Rev. C. H. Middleton. Academy, No. 251, p. 169, and Vosmaer, pp. 134-136.

by Rembrandt, and, although after Rembrandt's design, and done in his house, and under his surveillance and correction, that they are executed by his scholars and assistants. These are—besides a number of heads by Van Vliet, signed "*R. H.*," which are not here but which are chronicled as Rembrandt's work in all the catalogues—a little wood-cut of a "Philosopher with an Hour Glass," by Lievens; "A Bust of an Old Man," by Bol; "The Flight into Egypt," *Rembrandt inventor et fecit*, 1633, probably also by Bol, after a design by Lastman; "The Good Samaritan," *Rembrandt inventor et fecit*, 1633, by Bol or Rottermond; "The Raising of Lazarus," *R. H. V. Riyn ft.*; "The Great Descent from the Cross," *Rembrandt fecit cum pryl.* 1633, by Lievens; "Adverse Fortune," *Rembrandt, f.* 1633, probably by Bol; the "Three Oriental Heads" *Rembrandt geretuckerdt*, 1635, by Lievens "Rembrandt with a Bird of Prey;" by Van Vliet?; the "Ecce Homo," *Rembrandt, f.* 1636, "*cum privile*," by Lievens; "Rembrandt with Frizzled Hair," by Van Vliet? "St. Jerome in Meditation," *Rembrandt*, 1634, by Bol? "The Goldweigher," *Rembrandt, f.*, 1639, of which the head and shoulders only are by Rembrandt; and "Rembrandt Drawing from a Model," of which the *ébauche* alone is by his hand, and the rest—as in the case of the Goldweigher—by Bol.

"THE RAISING OF LAZARUS" (Coll. 18).—There is no date on this print, and the signature is not Rembrandt's, nor is the *ordonnance* of the plate; nor its melodramatic action; nor is it at all like any of Rembrandt's

work previous to 1633, when he was using the signature "*R.H.*," or indeed after it. It looks as if done from a picture, and it is said, though we cannot vouch for this, that there is a picture like it at St. Petersburg, by De Wedt. Whether this is so or not there is little of Rembrandt, either in feeling, composition, or execution, in the plate before us, and what there is has the air of being foreign to it—of having been imported into it. The etching of the robe on the principal figure is very able, but not Rembrandt's? There is work in different parts of the sky like the work of Lievens, and more still in every part of the plate (except the figure of Christ), like that of Bol. The faces in the crowd are Bol's, as well as the rock and earth lines, and the shadowing under the signature. On the other hand there is more force in the work than is usual with Bol, and more, apparently, of the hardihood of Lievens. Altogether, therefore, while we profess a general distrust of the plate, we hesitate to pronounce upon it, nor do we know when it was done. Meanwhile, the Student may compare it for *difference from Rembrandt's work* with the head of Rembrandt (9) done before it, and with the small head of Rembrandt (21) done after it; and for *similarity with Bol's work*, with the School of Rembrandt in the British Museum, and with the heads in the "Good Samaritan" (Coll. 19).

"THE GOOD SAMARITAN" (19).—Of this work we may speak with less hesitation. We hold that the plate is by Bol—unless, indeed, which we once thought possible, Rembrandt found for the occasion another

Bol in Rottermondt. The barrel in the right corner without substance, rotundity, or containing power ; the straw above it like hair ; the landscape, buildings, and foliage in the middle distance, Rembrandtesque, but not Rembrandt ; the toy poultry ; the ill-expressed masonry about the window ; the boy holding the horse ; the old man on the steps ; the weeds in the foreground ; all have their counterpart in Bol's work in the British Museum. Meantime, Vosmaer, speaking of an anterior etching of the same subject, signed "*I van de Velde fecit*" (to whom in fact, though we cannot agree with him, he attributes its invention) says "La scène me paraît le prototype de celle de Rembrandt, avec son vieil édifice, son perron, où apparaît un valet portant une torche, son escalier, au bas duquel le Samaritain paye l'hôte qui tient une chandelle, et avec son cheval et le serviteur qui en enlève le blessé. Le fond en diffère."* Compare the heads in this composition, for *difference*, with "Rembrandt's mother" (3) or "Rembrandt with three moustaches" (21), or the portrait of "Saskia" (27).

"THE DESCENT FROM THE CROSS" (16).—Of the various copies made for Rembrandt in the year 1633 (the year prolific of copies) this plate is the one at once the most able, and yet the most demonstrably a copy, since the evidence against it is not only such as it bears on its

* Vosmaer. "Rembrandt sa vie et ses œuvres," p. 39.

face, but such as is obtainable from without. There are, in fact, two plates of the subject similar in size, but widely different in execution and comparative merit. Of these two plates, the first one failed in the biting, and was abandoned; the one exhibited being a second plate done to replace the first. A close study of the two is needful to the appreciation of the views put forth in this article. The first plate (Brit. Mus. W. 83) is finely and delicately etched, and has all the appearance of being by the hand of Rembrandt. The work in it is masterly, and looks original; that is to say, every line and mark in it has its purpose, and there is a look about the whole as if it had been done *con amore*. An attempt, for the purpose of illustration, has been made to photograph a portion of this first plate, but the ruin made by the acid has been too complete to make the reproduction other than a confused blot. (Plate i.) Carefully looked at, however, and compared with a photograph of a similar portion of the second plate (Plate ii.), its superiority of handling will be at once perceived. In the foreground, for instance, is an embroidered cloth: look at it attentively, and then carry the eye quickly to the same cloth in the second plate; look at the ladder and the strands that compose it, and especially at its lowest rung in the first plate, and then at the mechanical rendering of it in the second; at the work, and especially at the outline and drawing of the advanced leg of the kneeling man, in the one, and at the same thing in the other. If a difference of quality fatal to the idea of the

two plates being by the same hand is not immediately perceived nothing that we can say will make the difference apparent. If it be perceived, it is worth while to carry the comparison further. Look again, therefore, at the embroidered cloth in the first plate, and two pins will be perceived in it by which the folds have been arranged as an artist would arrange them. Examine these folds, and the fine action of the point by which they have been expressed; and then, as before, examine the same would-be folds in the second plate; at the roundness expressive of substance of the one cloth, and the unsubstantial flatness of the other which the heaviest work has proved unable to redeem; at the woodwork, which is like wood on the ladder of the first, and at the gross idea of a ladder which the copyist has had in the second. From such an examination carried over the whole of the two plates, it is, we hold, impossible to avoid the conclusion that the first was done by a master, the last by a scholar; and that the scholar in this case was Lievens. Compare with the same heads of Rembrandt, for *difference*, and with the works of Lievens referred to at page 24 for *similarity with his work*.

ST. JEROME IN MEDITATION (24).—This is a small plate with much of the character of the heads in the “Good Samaritan” and evidently by Bol. The lion is the heraldic leopard, and has its counterpart in an etching by Bol of St. Jerome in a cavern (D 3). A drawing of a lion by Rembrandt has been placed next to it by way of contrast.

“THE THREE ORIENTAL HEADS” (36).—We need not waste much time over these. The original of one of them with the characteristic staring eyes, by Lievens, is here (36A) and we credit it with being the original head, and think it better than the supposed copy of it, “with retouches,” by Rembrandt. As to the signature we are convinced from re-examination that Vosmaer’s reading of it as a Dutch word signifying “retouched,” is the correct one. That Lievens and, no one else, is mainly responsible for the authorship of all these plates we cannot, doubt.

“THE ECCE HOMO” (41).—Here again we are assisted by evidence from without. First, we have the original picture obligingly placed at the disposal of the Club by Lady Eastlake; next, two finished proofs of the etching itself; next, a *fac simile* of an unfinished proof of the etching in course of reproduction by the copyist; and, lastly, several etchings large and small, done at the same time by Rembrandt, to compare with these—namely, “The Death of the Virgin,” “The Presentation in the Vaulted Temple” and “Youth Surprised by Death.” We have only to bring the whole of this evidence into juxtaposition—picture, proof, copy, and Rembrandt’s undoubted work—to be assured that this popular, but coarse print, for which such large sums have been paid, and which the cataloguers one and all go out of their way to extol, is no more than an able copy largely touched upon by Rembrandt, and published by him solely for

commercial purposes. To make this clear, we have had a reduced *fac simile* made of a portion of the unfinished proof (Plate iii.). It is worth observing; the handling of it; the weak heads in the left corner; and the glaring fact that the copyist—proceeding from the sides of the plate towards its centre, in true mechanical fashion, finishing as he goes—has actually made the shadows projected by the legs of Pilate's chair, before making the legs themselves! The late respected keeper of the prints of the British Museum used to say of this unfinished proof, that "it was odd so great a man as Rembrandt should have worked in this strange way from the side toward the centre of his plate," but two things certainly never struck Mr. Carpenter; namely, that an original artist could not, and would not, have worked in this way, and that a copyist *would**—and that other examples are to be found in Rembrandt's works of spaces thus left by the copyist for him to fill up, as in the Goldweigher. But as if to make all this still plainer, there happens to be in the British Museum a second impression of this rare unfinished state, covered with Rembrandt's corrections of the scholar's work—great dabs of bistre here, to let him know where it was to be stronger; sweeping erasures there, to show where it was to be altogether removed—and, generally, such an emphatic treatment of the proof as we see in unfinished prints of the *Liber Studiorum* of Turner. Compare for *difference with Rembrandt's work at this time*,

* See M. Flameng's copy in course of execution of the Hundred Guilder plate.

the "Death of the Virgin," (50). "The Presentation in the Vaulted Temple" (57); and "Youth surprised by Death" (65); and for *similarity with the work of Lievens*—whom we designate without hesitation as the author of the plate—the prints by him in the British Museum, to which we have referred at page 24.

"THE GOLD WEAVER" (60).—Here, as we have said, is another instance of the copyist—in this case Bol—working from the sides towards the centre evidently in the preparation of an etching which Rembrandt was to finish by putting in the principal head. Of this plate we should say that it is from a picture, and that, like another plate next to it, "Rembrandt drawing from a model," it was *ébauché* by Rembrandt, and given to Bol to fill in, but with instructions to leave a vacant place for the head and shoulders. The head once put in, the most unpractised eye will see the difference between the masterly work of Rembrandt which composes it and the furred robe, and the rest of the plate—between it and the head of the kneeling boy for instance; while for *difference* between the money chest, barrels, and table cloth, observe the accessories in the "Death of the Virgin," and, for general dissimilarity of work, with "Youth surprised by Death."—both contemporary prints.

"REMBRANDT DRAWING FROM THE MODEL" (62).—The free use of the dry-point line in the laying in of this plate gives it the look

of a later production, but we are persuaded, from the work in the background, that it is a plate of about this time, which, for some unknown reason, was abandoned while in the act of being filled in by Bol. On the first state, when out of the frame, will be seen, in fact, Rembrandt's instructions to his pupil to lower the tone of the two light patches which appear as "spots" in the background.

We have now come to the end of what we have called these "commercial plates," respecting which we may mention, as a proof of our consistency, that we would never admit them into our own collection. We can at no time, indeed, remember—even in our youngest and least experienced day—to have felt the least desire to possess any of them.

And now a word, in especial, as to the year 1633. In this year there were done in Rembrandt's studio more etchings alone than would have occupied a professed engraver a year. If Rembrandt did them how, we would ask, did he manage to do thirty-three known pictures, large and small, and a number of signed drawings besides? The two great plates of the "Descent from the Cross" would alone have occupied six months of the time, and the aggregate work of the year would have been at the rate of a picture or etching a week!

MIDDLE PERIOD. 1640 TO 1650.

We enter upon the Middle Period with, as it were, a new sensation. Much had happened to Rembrandt by this time. He had made a great name, he had married, and his wife was dying; and we know that after her death things did not go well with him. We also remember that about this time less began to be heard of him. Is there anything about the work of this period to throw light on this obscure part of his career? We have said, as an apology for our new method of approaching the subject of Rembrandt, that the accidents and events of a man's life are the immediate incentives and regulators of his work. Inversely then, ought not the Work to tell us something about the Man? Where was Rembrandt at this time? What became of him after the death of Saskia in 1642, and the disorder of his affairs? Was he still in Amsterdam? If so, how is it we cease to hear of him, and that he is no longer painting and etching its citizens? Does the sudden appearance of Landscape in his work, and its singular preponderance in the etchings of this period—to which, indeed, it is almost wholly confined—tell us nothing on this score? What part of Holland furnished him with the motives of all these landscapes—"The Three Trees," the "Omval," the "Goldweigher's Field," the

“Hog,” the “Bull,” the “Orchard,” the “Cow Drinking,” the “Milk Pails,” the “Boat House,” the “Village near a High Road Arched.” Where are they? They negative the idea that he was still in Amsterdam, but they do not tell us what we want to know, which is where he was. Does our boasted chronological arrangement—do our dates—tell us nothing? Saskia died in 1642, and the two or three landscapes which precede that date are at, or in the immediate neighbourhood of, Amsterdam. But after that? Well, we believe we have the answer before us. Look at the group of etchings, brought as it were by accident close together, under the years 1645 to 1648. The “Portrait of Jan Six” (109), “Six’s Bridge” (102), “Medea” (111), the frontispiece to Six’s tragedy; the “Spanish Gipsy” (114), an illustration of another tragedy in which, doubtless, Six was also interested; the portrait of the Portuguese Physician, “Ephraim Bueno” (112), the original picture of which Six had in his possession; “A Grotto,” so-called, but, as we think, a garden boat house (107); “Rembrandt Drawing at a Window” (118). Surely that window can be no other than a window in Six’s house, and that Rembrandt had found refuge and solace at this time with his sympathetic and powerful friend at Elsbroeck; and that these things, and all these landscapes—and possibly the “Hundred Guilder Print” itself, which we observe close at hand—were thought out and finished in his companionship, and under his sheltering roof. If so, what an episode in the intellectual life of Six—what a compensation for Rembrandt!

Passing the more important of the prints of this epoch in rapid review, and noticing, as we go, the singular addition of Italian backgrounds to more than one Dutch foreground among the landscapes, we have the famous "Mill" (67)—not "Rembrandt's mill" though, as the Catalogues have it, but a mill etched from a large picture which we ourselves remember to have seen many years ago at the British Institution—a most beautiful and rare proof; the bright little etching of "Amsterdam" (68), and the "Saskia Dying" (90), of which rare print there are two proofs, one touchingly worked upon by the hand of Rembrandt himself; then the "Three Trees" (96), grave and sombre as at such a time it would be; then the beautiful "Omval" (103), the most perfect of landscapes, done just three years after the death of Saskia; then the "Elsbroeck Group" as we henceforth propose to call them, among which is the portrait of "Sylvius" (108)—the remonstrant minister who suffered, and looks as if he had suffered, for his opinions—the cousin of Saskia, the ally of Rembrandt, and who, in fact, married them; not done from the life, for Sylvius had died in 1638, but from a picture painted from recollection of him in 1644; and what place so suggestive of such congenial recollections as the quiet of Elsbroeck? Then the "Faustus" (117), the two "St. Jeromes," the larger one of which is after a drawing by Titian* (122); the "Landscape with a

* This drawing differing in nothing from the etching, except in the absence of the lion, and the presence of a recumbent figure of Venus in place of the Saint, was recently sold in London at Dr. Wellesley's sale.

Ruined Tower" in its rare 1st state (139), the "Gold Weighers' Field" (141), so called, but which we would rather believe to be the Chateau of Six; and, finally, the famous "Hundred Guilder" print (125, 126, 127, 128) in its two states. These speak so eloquently for themselves, and are represented by such exceptionally fine proofs, that we need do no more than recommend a careful study of them. Of the "Hundred Guilder" prints, however—of which there are no less than four magnificent impressions, two of them in the first state—a few special words are very necessary. No difference, it will be observed, as to *technique*, exists between these two states except a few oblique lines laid across the neck of the ass in the right hand corner of the plate—a few lines, however, which represent a difference of many hundreds of pounds in their market value. Now, of these two states, what we want to say, as practical etchers and printers, is this: that for the reasons given at page 17, the two impressions in the later states are more satisfactory than those in the earlier. We know, probably within one or two, how many impressions were taken of this rare first state, for Rembrandt has told us on the back of one of them. Well, of those few impressions (all of which we have seen,) we say advisedly that they have not, as yet, what we have previously called "begun to print"—that the ink has not yet fully entered into all their lines, and, consequently that the lighter and more luminous portions of them to the left of the plate are less good as to impression than in the proofs in the second state which immediately succeed them. The point being an important one as

bearing upon the conventional, as opposed to the real, value of states, we direct attention to it.

LATE PERIOD—1651 TO 1666.

The latest period opens with portraits of Rembrandt's friend and publisher Clement de Jonge, John Asselyn, and Coppenol, from which and from the fact that it presents us with only one dated landscape, "The Vista" (167), we may conclude that, by this time, a return had been made to Amsterdam. Other Amsterdam portraits also, principally of friends like Lutma, Jan Antonides Van der Linden and Coppenol or of persons connected with the proceedings in bankruptcy then going on, like Abraham Françen and the elder and younger Haaring, mark this period; besides the rare portraits of Rembrandt himself at an advanced age contributed by Monsieur Dutuit, and of Dr. Arnoldus Tholinx, usually confused with the advocate, and supposed alchemist, Van Tol. It is in this period, also, that we have the plate "Tobit and the Angel," by Hercules Seghers, so strangely adopted by Rembrandt, and altered by him into a "Descent into Egypt" (169), and the "St. Francis," and that those sublime conceptions occur which fitly close the work of Rembrandt, "Christ Before Pilate," and the "Crucifixion."

The series of four impressions of "Clement de Jonge" (147) should be first noticed, because of their broad treatment, and as

examples of those progressive conditions of an etched plate, which may properly be designated "states." Nor should "Tobit blind" be passed by (144) on account of its pathos and the complete mastery over the material which it displays, or the touched and other rare proofs of "Jan Asseliyn with the Easel" (151, 152, 153), with the date appended, 1651; or the fine "St. Francis" (203), Italian in character, and with back-ground evidently inspired by Titian or Campagnola. But the portraits of the period—the conspicuous examples of the power of etching—are the "Lutma" (194), the "Tholinx" (197) first and second states, and the "Elder" (199–202) and "Younger" (196) Haaring. These alone would furnish material for a treatise. Since, however, the business of this essay is not with matters which speak for themselves, but with points which have been misunderstood, or which require elucidation, we pass on at once to the consideration of the two great plates to which we have referred and which appear to us to involve such a point—namely, the "Christ before Pilate" (184, 185), and the "Crucifixion" (191–193).

In the present collection, notwithstanding a difference in their dates, these obviously companion prints—companion in feeling, treatment, size, and subject—have been brought into close juxtaposition, the "Presentation" first and the "Crucifixion" next to it, as if they were essentially one work, which, in its conception, composition, execution and printing in all its various stages, had taken from first to last, not a

week, as the cataloguers appear to suppose, but a year or more to accomplish. Nor has this arrangement involved any anachronism, since it is clear that the dates on the two plates refer in neither case to the year of their production, but only to the year in which certain late states of them were printed, which of course leaves the question open as to which of the two was done first. The rudely expressed actors in the "Crucifixion," too, which had suggested an earlier performance, have been only thus "laid in," because they had to be ultimately rendered in an advanced chiaroscuro to suit the divine passage which they were destined to illustrate. * * *

"Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land till the ninth hour. And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent;" * * * The plate, in short, from the first, was intended to be one of those dark plates of which we have an example in the "Christ Entombed" (179). It was, therefore, useless to do more than indicate figures which were to be ultimately half obscured. And this being so, we would ask, how is it that this rude preparation for a chiaroscuro plate—for it really amounts to nothing more—and which has impressed the observer so meanly as to cause him to take it for a younger work, yet so recommends itself to the collector that he will pay three times more for it than for the true and final expression of the perfected plate which does not occur till towards its third state?

And now, imperfect as we feel it to be, this article would be still less complete without a word upon the insufficiency of the catalogues and of those who undertake to make them. To make a *Catalogue Raisonné* of the work of Rembrandt, it is not enough to be able to detect and record small points of difference, and yet be without a comprehensive knowledge of the man, and of his art, or of Art in general, or of the art of Etching in particular. Experience; practice; an actual acquaintance with what is possible and what is impossible to be done upon a plate of copper, and with the details of the printing process too; the ready discernment which belongs to the artist nature; the skill of the synthesist no less than of the analyst, and many a rare gift besides, must be in possession of him who would undertake so delicate and responsible a task. Borrowed ideas hastily picked up and strung together, the division and sub-division of things which in their very nature are indivisible, can, without such special aptitudes, but lead to the multiplication of states and differences profitable only to the dealer—and to a confusion of the subject even greater than that which exists at present.

FRANCIS SEYMOUR HADEN.

May 1, 1877.

POSTSCRIPTUM.

It would be neither fair nor courteous, considering the tone of disparagement of catalogues and cataloguers in which the above article has confessedly been written, not to give to Monsieur Charles Blanc (who is too distinguished to be included within the general scope of its reflections) an opportunity of stating his reasons for not adopting the method of classification which we have proposed, and of which our present exhibition is the first practical example.

“ Pour ranger les estampes d'un maître,” says Monsieur Charles Blanc,*
 “ il n'y a, ce nous semble, que deux méthodes: l'une consisterait à les classer selon leur
 “ date, de manière que l'on pût suivre les phases diverses du talent de l'artiste, ses
 “ commencements, ses progrès, son apogée, sa décadence, et une telle classification ne
 “ serait pas à coup sûr sans intérêt; l'autre méthode serait toute de raison; elle con-
 “ sisterait à rassembler les sujets homogènes et à les ranger philosophiquement par
 “ ordre d'importance, et pour ceux qui tiennent à l'histoire, par ordre chronologique.
 “ C'est le parti que nous avons adopté, pour deux motifs: d'abord un grand nombre
 “ de pièces de Rembrandt ne portant pas de date, il serait impossible d'en supposer
 “ une à celles qui n'en ont point; en second lieu, cet ordre serait, dans l'œuvre de ce
 “ maître, beaucoup moins curieux que dans celui de tout autre, parce que son génie ne
 “ présente aucune inégalité, aucune intermittence, depuis le début jusqu'à la fin de sa
 “ carrière de graveur, si bien que parmi tant de pièces, on n'en citerait guère qui se
 “ ressentent de l'inexpérience de la jeunesse ou de la faiblesse de l'âge avancé.
 “ D'ailleurs l'œuvre de Rembrandt est si varié, qu'un classement suivant la date des
 “ eaux-fortes, présenterait une confusion désagréable et souvent choquante. Telle
 “ fantaisie un peu trop libre semblerait monstrueusement déplacée à côté d'un sujet
 “ tiré de l'Evangile. Il a donc fallu renoncer absolument à ce genre de classification.”

* Charles Blanc, *L'œuvre Complet de Rembrandt*, Paris, 1859, pp. 7, 8.



PLATE I

FAC SIMILE OF A PORTION OF THE SPOILED PLATE OF THE

PHOTOGRAPHED BY J. LEITCH & CO. LONDON

GREAT DESCENT FROM THE CROSS BY REMBRANDT? (BRIT. MUS. APRIL 6 1877)

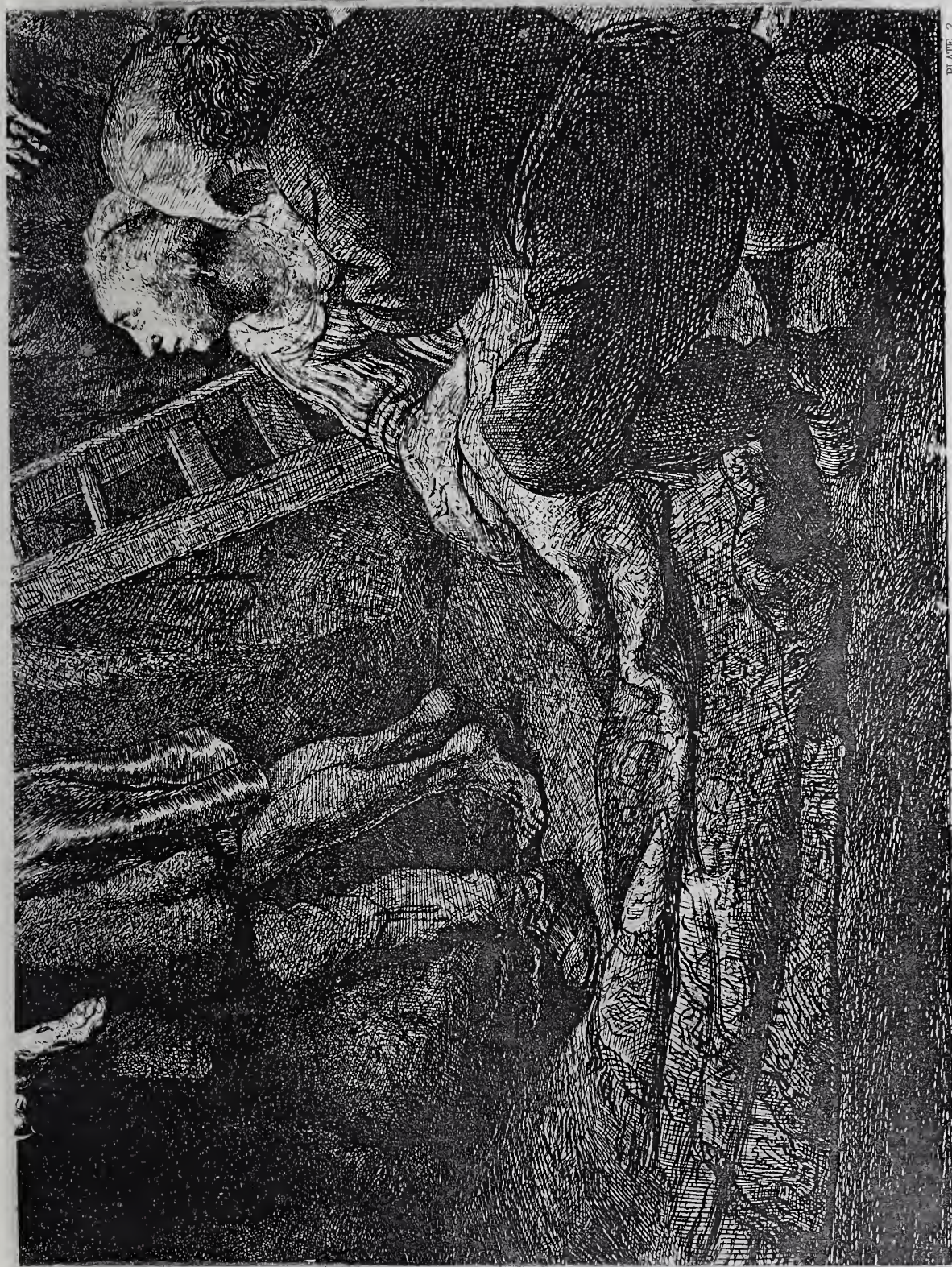


PLATE 2.

PHOTOGRAVURE J. LEITCH & CO LONDON

FAC SIMILE OF A PORTION OF THE SECOND PLATE OF THE

GREAT DESCENT FROM THE CROSS BY LIEVENS. (BRIT. MUS. APRIL 6 1877.)



PLATE 3.

PHOTOGRAPH BY J. LEITCH & CO. LONDON

REDUCED FAC SIMILE OF PART OF AN UNFINISHED PROOF OF THE GREAT

ECCE HOMO OF REMBRANDT, IN COURSE OF BEING COPIED BY LIEVENS (BRIT. MUS. APRIL 6 1877.)

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PORTRAIT OF REMBRANDT, BY HIMSELF.

Lent by the Earl of PORTARLINGTON.

1 A HEAD OF AN OLD WOMAN ETCHED NO LOWER THAN THE CHIN, 347.

(Tête de la mère de Rembrandt, vue de face 192.)

SECOND STATE.—The plate reduced.

R.H. 1628.

Lent by H. DANBY SEYMOUR, Esq.

2 BUST OF AN OLD WOMAN LIGHTLY ETCHED, 348.

(Petit buste de la mère de Rembrandt, 193.)

R.H. 1628.

Lent by H. DANBY SEYMOUR, Esq.

3 BUST OF AN OLD WOMAN LIGHTLY ETCHED, 348.

(*Petit buste de la mère de Rembrandt*, 193.)

From the Verstolk Collection.

R.H. 1628.

Lent by F. SEYMOUR HADEN, Esq.

4 A PHILOSOPHER WITH AN HOUR GLASS, 318.

(*Philosophe, avec un sablier*, 113.)

FIRST STATE.—With the six strokes upon the skull.

The monogram and date are added in the third state.

Said to be the only woodcut which Rembrandt engraved: De Claussin considered it the work of Lievens: Weigel questions its being a woodcut at all.

R.H. 1630.

Lent by H. DANBY SEYMOUR, Esq.

5 A MAN WITH A BROAD BRIMMED HAT AND A RUFF, 312.

(*Homme au chapeau à grands bords*, 260.)

R.H. 1630.

Lent by Rev. J. J. HEYWOOD.

6 THE CIRCUMCISION, 53.

(*Petite Circoncision*, 21.)

From the Garle Collection.

Date assumed, 1630.

Lent by ST. JOHN DENT, Esq.

7 PORTRAIT OF REMBRANDT IN A TURNED-UP HAT AND
EMBROIDERED MANTLE, 7.

(Rembrandt au chapeau rond et au manteau brodé, 211.)

SECOND STATE.—The bust drawn in pencil by the Master.

SIXTH STATE.—From the Mariette and Aylesford Collections.

SEVENTH STATE.—From the Aylesford Collection.

The Fourth State is signed R.H., the date, 1631, is added in the Fifth, in the Seventh appears the signature "Rembrandt."

Lent by R. S. HOLFORD, Esq.

8 PORTRAIT OF A MAN WITH A SHORT BEARD, 275

(Buste d'homme à bonnet fourré et manteau brodé, 267.)

THIRD STATE.

The monogram and date appear in the second State.

R.H. 1631.

Lent by F. SEYMOUR HADEN, Esq.

9 BUST VERY MUCH RESEMBLING REMBRANDT, WITH A
ROUND FUR CAP, 16.

(Rembrandt au bonnet rond et fourré, 223.)

From the Hugh Howard Collection.

R.H. 1631.

Lent by F. SEYMOUR HADEN, Esq.

10 BUST OF AN OLD MAN WITH A LONG BEARD, 261.

(*Vieillard grande barbe et au front ridé*, 281.)

FIRST STATE.—Before the plate was reduced : From the Aylesford Collection.

R.H. 1631.

Lent by HENRY BRODHURST, Esq.

11 REMBRANDT'S MOTHER, 344.

(*Buste de la mère de Rembrandt la main sur la poitrine*, 195.)

SECOND STATE.

R.H. 1631.

Lent by W. H. WILLSHIRE, Esq., M.D.

12 PORTRAIT OF AN OLD WOMAN SITTING LOOKING TO THE
LEFT, 340.

(*La mère de Rembrandt assise, aux gants noirs*, 197).

Rembrandt f. Date assumed, 1632.

Lent by RICHARD FISHER, Esq.

13 PORTRAIT OF AN OLD WOMAN LOOKING TO THE RIGHT, 339.

(*La mère de Rembrandt au voile noire*, 196).

SECOND STATE.—The shade below the arm chair worked on.

Date assumed, 1631.

Lent by RICHARD FISHER, Esq.

14 THE RAT-KILLER, 125.

(Le vendeur de mort-aux-rats, 95.)

SECOND STATE.—With the diagonal lines on the tree. E. W. 1647.
J. Z. 1763.

R.H. 1632.

Lent by R. S. HOLFORD, Esq.

15 AN OLD MAN WITH A LARGE WHITE BEARD AND A FUR
CAP, 264.*(Vieillard au grand manteau de velours noir, 270.)*

FIRST STATE.—From P. Mariette's Collection.

R.H. f. Date assumed, 1631.

Lent by HENRY BRODHURST, Esq.

16 THE DESCENT FROM THE CROSS, 84.

(La grande descente de croix, 56.)

SECOND STATE.—The legs of the men supporting our Saviour's Body are
shaded with cross strokes.

Rembrandt, f. Cvm. pryvl^o. 1633.

Lent by RICHARD FISHER, Esq.

17 PORTRAIT OF REMBRANDT WITH A SCARF ROUND HIS
NECK, 17.*(Rembrandt avec une écharpe autour du cou, 229.)*

THIRD STATE.—With the name and date. From the Garle Collection.

Rembrandt, f. 1633.

Lent by ST. JOHN DENT, Esq.

18 THE RESURRECTION OF LAZARUS : A large Print, 77.

La grande Résurrection de Lazare, 48.

FOURTH STATE.—With the retouching on the little figures in the background.

Van Ryn, f. Date assumed, 1632—34.

Lent by R. S. HOLFORD, Esq.

19 THE GOOD SAMARITAN, 95.

(Le bon Samaritan, 41).

FIRST STATE.—The tail of the horse white.

FOURTH STATE.—With the name and date. From the Pierre Remy Collection.

Rembrandt, inventor et fecit 1633.

Lent by R. S. HOLFORD, Esq.

20 A POLANDER, 140.

(Figure Polonaise, 107).

Early impression. From the Barnard and Esdaile Collection.

Date assumed, 1635.

Lent by F. SEYMOUR HADEN, Esq.

21 PORTRAIT OF REMBRANDT WITH MOUSTACHES, 2.

(Rembrandt aux trois moustaches, 206.)

From the Kalle Collection.

Date assumed, 1634.

Lent by F. SEYMOUR HADEN, Esq.

22 A YOUNG WOMAN READING, 341.

(*La liseuse*, 242.)

FIRST STATE.—From the Maberley and Aylesford Collections.

Rembrandt, f. 1634.

Lent by HENRY BRODHURST, Esq.

23 JANUS SILVIUS, 268.

(*Jean Corneille Sylvius*, 186.)A Protestant Minister at Amsterdam. The same whose Portrait appears
No. 108. Wilson 282. Blanc 187.

From the Verstolk Collection.

Rembrandt, 1634.

Lent by HENRY BRODHURST, Esq.

24 SAINT JEROME : Sitting at the Foot of a Tree, 105.

(*Saint Jérôme, lisant au pied d'un arbre*, 71.)*Rembrandt*, f. 1634.

Lent by H. DANBY SEYMOUR, Esq.

Below, in the same frame, is a Drawing of a Lion, by Rembrandt, for
comparison with the Lion above.

Lent by F. SEYMOUR HADEN, Esq.

25 PORTRAIT OF REMBRANDT : In an Oval, 23.

(*Rembrandt au Sabre et à l'aigrette*, 232.)

FIRST STATE.—The uncut plate.

SECOND and THIRD STATES.—All from the Aylesford Collection.

Rembrandt, f. 1634.

Lent by R. S. HOLFORD, Esq.

26 THE GREAT JEWISH BRIDE, 337.

(*La femme de Rembrandt* 199.)

FIRST STATE.—From the Esdaile and Wilson Collections.

SECOND STATE.—The hands, &c., unshaded.

FOURTH STATE.—The hands, &c., shaded.

R. 1634.

Lent by R. S. HOLFORD, Esq.

27 THE GREAT JEWISH BRIDE, 337.

(*La femme de Rembrandt* 199.)

FIRST STATE.—From the Hipplesley Collection.

R. 1634.

Lent by F. SEYMOUR HADEN, Esq.

28 THE GREAT JEWISH BRIDE, 337.

(*La femme de Rembrandt* 199.)

FOURTH STATE.—From the Aylesford Collection.

R. 1634.

Lent by F. SEYMOUR HADEN, Esq.

29 JESUS CHRIST DRIVING THE MONEY-CHANGERS OUT OF
THE TEMPLE, 73.

(*Jésus chassant les Vendeurs du temple* 44.

FIRST AND SECOND STATES.—With an impression from the altered plate,
from the Aylesford Collection.

Rembrandt, f. 1635.

Lent by R. S. HOLFORD, Esq.

30 A YOUNG WOMAN WITH A HEAD-DRESS OF PEARLS, 342.

*(La femme de Rembrandt, coiffée en cheveux 201.)**Rembrandt, f. 1634.*

Lent by HENRY BRODHURST, Esq.

31 UYTENBOGARDUS: A Dutch Minister, 281.

(Johannes Uytenbogardus, Ministre des Remonstrants, 190.)

The Latin verses below were composed by Hugo Grotius, whose name is engraved to the right of the verses, the letters H. and G. intertwined.

FOURTH STATE.—From the Aylesford Collection.

Rembrandt, f. 1635.

Lent by R. S. HOLFORD, Esq.

32 THE ANGEL APPEARING TO THE SHEPHERDS, 49.

(L'Annonciation aux Bergers, 17.)

FOURTH STATE.—From the Segulier and Maberly Collection.

Rembrandt, f. 1634.

Lent by ST. JOHN DENT, Esq.

33 THE ANGEL APPEARING TO THE SHEPHERDS, 49.

(L'Annonciation aux Bergers, 17.)

FOURTH STATE.—From the Barnard Collection.

Rembrandt, f. 1634.

Lent by R. S. HOLFORD, Esq.

34 MANASSEH BEN ISRAEL, 271.

(*Manasseh ben Israel*. 183.)

SECOND STATE—With the mark of the Vice.

Rembrandt, f. 1636.

Lent by F. SEYMOUR HADEN, Esq.

35 THE BUST OF AN OLD MAN: With a Large Beard, 292.

(*Vieillard à grand bonnet qui dort*, 286.)

This piece has been attributed to Lievens.

Rembrandt. Date assumed 1635.

Lent by F. SEYMOUR HADEN, Esq.

36 THREE ORIENTAL HEADS: First Head, 288.

(*Jacob Cats*, 173.)*Rembrandt*, 1635.

The word which follows has been read *Venetius*, and by others *Rhenetiis*. Vosmaer reads the Enigmatical word *geretuckerdt*, and adds "M. J. Weissenbruch se rangeant à ma conjecture sur ce mot et à l'idée que la planche n'aurait été que *retouchée* par Rembrandt, est d'avis que ces estampes sont de Lievens, dont elles portent si fortement le caractère." The word must in this print be incomplete, but may perhaps be read after the signature in No. 37.

Lent by F. SEYMOUR HADEN, Esq.

36a JACOB CATS, by Lievens, lent for comparison with the above, by

F. SEYMOUR HADEN, Esq.

37 THREE ORIENTAL HEADS : Third Head, 290.

(*Turc, au turban et à l'aigrette, 3^{me} tête orientale, 289.*

Rembrandt, 1635—See note to first Head.

Lent by Rev. J. GRIFFITHS, D.D.

38 REMBRANDT'S WIFE AND FIVE OTHER HEADS, 359.

(*Feuille de six têtes, donc cinq têtes de femmes, 249.*)

Rembrandt, f. 1636.

Lent by J. WEBSTER, Esq.

39 PORTRAITS OF REMBRANDT AND HIS WIFE, 19.

(*Rembrandt et sa femme, 203.*)

From the Garle Collection.

Rembrandt, f. 1636.

Lent by ST. JOHN DENT, Esq.

40 THE PRODIGAL SON, 96.

(*Le Retour de l'Enfant prodigue, 43.*)

From the Hipposley Collection.

Rembrandt, f. 1636.

Lent by F. SEYMOUR HADEN, Esq.

41 THE ECCE HOMO, 82.

(L'Ecce Homo, 52.)

SECOND STATE.—Before the diagonal lines on the face of one of the Jews.
From the Chambers Hall Collection.

Rembrandt, f. 1636. Cvmpryvel.

Lent by HENRY BRODHURST, Esq.

42 THE ECCE HOMO, 82.

(L'Ecce Homo, 52.)

THIRD STATE.—With the diagonal lines.

Rembrandt, f. 1636. Cvm pryvel.

Lent by R. FISHER, Esq.

43 THE ECCE HOMO: *En grisaille.*

Formerly in the possession of the Burgomaster William Six, at whose Sale in 1734 this, with a companion piece, brought £7 (84 florins). It has since passed through the Collections of Mr. Goll, Mr. Brondgeest, Mr. Emmerson, and Mr. Jeremiah Harman. See Smith's Cat.: vii. 37.

Lent by Lady EASTLAKE.

44 THREE HEADS OF WOMEN, 361.

(Etude de trois têtes de femmes, 250.)

M. Charles Blanc was the first to recognise the central head as a Portrait of Rembrandt's wife.

SECOND STATE.—With the three heads. In the first state the uppermost of the three heads only appears.

Date assumed 1636.

Lent by R. P. ROUPELL, Esq.

45 A YOUNG MAN MUSING, 270.

(*Jeune homme assis et réfléchissant*, 258.)

From the Hugh Howard Collection.

Rembrandt, f. 1637.

Lent by F. SEYMOUR HADEN, Esq.

46 AN OLD MAN WITH A SQUARE BEARD, IN A RICH VELVET
CAP, 314.

(*Juif au bonnet agrafé de pierreries*, 269.)

From the Brentano Collection.

Rembrandt, f. 1637.

Lent by Rev. J. J. HEYWOOD.

47 ABRAHAM SENDING AWAY HAGAR AND ISHMAEL, 37.

(*Agar renvoyée par Abraham*, 3.)

From the Garle Collection.

Rembrandt, f. 1637.

Lent by ST. JOHN DENT, Esq.

48 PORTRAIT OF REMBRANDT : In a Cap and Feather, 20.

(*Rembrandt au bonnet orné d'une plume*, 233.)

From the Hugh Howard Collection.

Rembrandt, f. 1638.

Lent by F. SEYMOUR HADEN, Esq.

49 JOSEPH TELLING HIS DREAM TO HIS BRETHREN IN THE
PRESENCE OF HIS FATHER AND MOTHER, 41.

(*Joseph racontant ses songes*, 9.)

FIRST AND SECOND STATES.

Rembrandt, f. 1638.

Lent by ST. JOHN DENT, Esq.

50 THE DEATH OF THE VIRGIN, 104.

(*La mort de la Vierge*, 70).

FIRST STATE.—From the Aylesford Collection.

Rembrandt, 1639.

Lent by R. S. HOLFORD, Esq.

51 THE DEATH OF THE VIRGIN, 104.

(*La mort de la Vierge*, 70).

SECOND STATE.—With the shading on the elbow chair.

Rembrandt, 1639.

Lent by ST. JOHN DENT, Esq.

52 PORTRAIT OF REMBRANDT LEANING ON A STONE SILL, 21.

(*Rembrandt appuyé*, 234.)

FIRST STATE.—The pencilling on the cap and stonework is by Rembrandt himself.

Rembrandt, f. 1639.

Lent by F. SEYMOUR HADEN, Esq.

53 PORTRAIT OF REMBRANDT LEANING ON A STONE SILL, 21.

(Rembrandt appuyé, 234.

SECOND STATE.—The band of the cap to the right is completed. The
pencilling on the cap and stonework is by the Master's hand.

Rembrandt, f. 1639.

Lent by F. SEYMOUR HADEN, Esq.

54 SAINT CATHERINE, 338.

(La femme de Rembrandt, 200).

From the Maberly Collection.

Rembrandt, f. 1638.

Lent by HENRY BRODHURST, Esq.

55 BUST OF AN OLD MAN WITHOUT A BEARD, IN A VERY
HIGH FUR CAP, 299.*(Petit buste à très haut bonnet, 302.)**Date assumed, 1639.*

Lent by F. SEYMOUR HADEN, Esq.

56 TWO WOMEN IN SEPARATE BEDS, AND OTHER SKETCHES,
363.*(Griffonnements gravés en différents sens de la planche, 122.)**Date assumed, 1639.*

Lent by Rev. J. GRIFFITHS, D.D.

57 THE PRESENTATION OF JESUS IN THE VAULTED TEMPLE, 54.

(*Presentation au temple, piece en largeur, 22.*)

FIRST STATE.—Simeon's head is bare and his robe unshaded.

Date assumed, 1639.

Sent by R. S. HOLFORD, Esq.

58 THE PRESENTATION OF JESUS IN THE VAULTED TEMPLE, 54.

(*Présentation au temple, 22.*)

SECOND STATE.—The robe of Simeon is finished and he wears a cap.

Date assumed, 1639.

Lent by R. FISHER, Esq.

59 AN OLD MAN IN A FUR CAP DIVIDED IN THE MIDDLE 267.

(*Vieillard au bonnet fendu, 271.*)

Rembrandt, f. 1640.

Lent by Rev. J. J. HEYWOOD.

60 UYTENBOGAERT : Called the Goldweigher, 283.

(*Uytenbogaert ; dit le peseur d'or, 189.*)

FIRST STATE.—With the white face. From the Dumesnil and Six Collections.

Rembrandt, f. 1639.

Lent by HENRY BRODHURST, Esq.

61 UYTENBOGAERT : Called the Goldweigher, 283.

(*Uytenbogaert ; dit le peseur d'or*, 189.)

THIRD STATE.—The Plate has been retouched, probably by Captain Baillie, who has also made a copy of this piece. The name and date are erased.

Lent by J. WEBSTER, Esq.

62 A PAINTER DRAWING FROM A MODEL, 189.

(*Le Peintre dessinant d'après le modèle*, 157.)

FIRST AND SECOND STATES.—From the Aylesford Collection.

Date assumed, 1639.

Lent by R. S. HOLFORD, Esq.

63 THE LITTLE DOG SLEEPING, 155.

(*Le chien endormi*, 352.)

THIRD STATE.—The plate reduced.

Date assumed, 1639.

Lent by H. DANBY SEYMOUR, Esq.

64 THE DECOLLATION OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST, 97.

(*La décollation de Saint Jean Baptiste*, 40.)

FIRST STATE.—Before the re-touch. Impressions in this state are always faint ; a really good one is very rare. The pencil sketch in the same frame, lent by F. Seymour Haden, Esq., is Rembrandt's study for the etching.

Rembrandt, 1640.

Lent by Monsieur DUTUIT.

65 YOUTH SURPRISED BY DEATH, 113.

*(La Jeunesse surprise par la Mort, 79.)**Rembrandt, f. 1639.*

Lent by W. B. SCOTT, Esq.

66 THE FLUTE-PLAYER, 185.

(L'espiègle, 153.)

SECOND STATE.—With the name and date. Prom the Aylesford Collection.

Rembrandt, 1640.

Lent by HENRY BRODHURST, Esq.

67 REMBRANDT'S MILL, 230.

(Le moulin, 333.)

With the mark of the fleur-de-lis done by hand.

Rembrandt, 1641.

Lent by F. SEYMOUR HADEN, Esq.

68 A VIEW OF AMSTERDAM, 207.

*(Vue d'Amsterdam, 313.)**Date assumed, 1641.*

Lent by F. SEYMOUR HADEN, Esq.

69 A LARGE LANDSCAPE WITH A MILL-SAIL SEEN ABOVE A
COTTAGE, 223.

(*La Chaumière au grand arbre*, 326.)

From the Six, Aylesford and Hawkins Collections.

Rembrandt, f. 1641.

Lent by HENRY BRODHURST, Esq.

70 A VIEW OF AMSTERDAM, 207.

(*Vue d'Amsterdam*, 313.)

From the Gevers and Garle Collections.

Date assumed, 1641.

Lent by HENRY BRODHURST, Esq.

71 A LARGE LANDSCAPE WITH A COTTAGE AND DUTCH
HAYBARN, 222.

(*La Chaumière et la grange à foin*, 327.)

From the Finch Collection.

Rembrandt, f. 1641.

Lent by R. FISHER, Esq.

72 A LARGE LANDSCAPE WITH A COTTAGE AND A DUTCH
HAYBARN, 222.

(*La Chaumière et la grange à foin*, 327.)

From the Six Collection.

Rembrandt, f. 1641.

Lent by HENRY BRODHURST, Esq.

73 A YOUNG MAN A HALF-LENGTH, 311.

(Guillame II., enfant, 177.)

In ordinary impressions the fourth figure of the date does not appear.

Rembrandt, f. 1641.

Lent by F. SEYMOUR HADEN, Esq.

74 RENIER ANSLOO, 273.

(Corneille Anslo, 170.)

FIRST STATE—Before the work was lowered to the bottom of the plate.

SECOND STATE—The work lowered.

Rembrandt, f. 1641.

Lent by R. S. HOLFORD, Esq.

75 A MAN PLAYING AT CARDS, 137.

(Le Joueur de Cartes, 104.)

FIRST STATE—The print has unfortunately been cut at the top.

Rembrandt, f. 1641.

Lent by R. FISHER, Esq.

76 A MAN WITH A CRUCIFIX AND CHAIN, 263.

(Écrivain dans le costume du XVII^{me}. Siècle, 257.)

SECOND STATE—With the Shirt collar.

Rembrandt, f. 1641.

Lent by F. SEYMOUR HADEN, Esq.

77 A MAN WITH A CRUCIFIX AND CHAIN, 263.

(*Écrivain dans le costume du XVII^{me} Siècle*, 257.)

THIRD STATE—Re-worked.

Rembrandt, f. 1641.

Lent by F. SEYMOUR HADEN, Esq.

78 THREE ORIENTAL FIGURES, 122.

(*Jacob and Laban*, 7.)

SECOND STATE.—With the additional foliage on the tree. From the Hugh Howard Collection.

Rembrandt, f. 1641.

Lent by F. SEYMOUR HADEN, Esq.

79 THE BAPTISM OF THE EUNUCH, 103,

(*Le Baptême de l'Eunuque*, 69.)

FIRST STATE.—Before the shading upon the cascade. From the Garle Collection.

Rembrandt, f. 1641.

Lent by ST. JOHN DENT, Esq.

80 A LION HUNT, 118.

(*La grande chasse aux lions*, 86.)

From the Aylesford Collection.

Rembrandt, f. 1641.

Lent by R. S. HOLFORD, Esq.

81 THE STAR OF THE KINGS, 117.

(L'étoile des Rois, 85.)

From the Hugh Howard Collection.

Date assumed, 1641.

Lent by F. SEYMOUR HADEN, Esq.

82 THE RESURRECTION OF LAZARUS, 76.

*(La petite Résurrection de Lazare, 47.)**Rembrandt, f. 1642.*

Lent by RICHARD FISHER, Esq.

83 THE ANGEL ASCENDING FROM TOBIT AND HIS FAMILY, 48.

(L'Ange disparaît devant la famille de Tobie, 16.)

SECOND STATE (so-called).—It is really the first State.

Rembrandt, f. 1641.

Lent by RICHARD FISHER, Esq.

84 A MAN MEDITATING : In Rembrandt's Dark Manner, 146.

(Philosophe méditant, 112.)

FIRST STATE.—Wilson's description is unsatisfactory.

Date assumed, 1642.

Lent by J. WEBSTER, Esq.

85 A MAN MEDITATING : In Rembrandt's Dark Manner, 146.

(Philosophe méditant, 112.)

FIRST STATE.—

Date assumed, 1642.

Lent by R. P. ROUPELL, Esq.

86 A LANDSCAPE, WITH A HOUSE AND A LARGE TREE BY IT, 204.

(Le grand arbre à côté de la maison, 310.)

In the usual impressions of this rare piece an initial R (?) is seen in the central foreground. It is a piece whose position is most difficult to assign, but, from careful comparison of the work, it is placed in the year 1642.

Lent by Monsieur DUTUIT.

87 ST. JEROME : In Rembrandt's Dark Manner, 110.

(Saint Jérôme en méditation, 76.)

FIRST and SECOND STATES.—Before and after the alteration in the window curtain.

Rembrandt, 1642.

Lent by J. WEBSTER, Esq.

88 THE HEAD OF REMBRANDT, AND OTHER STUDIES, 357.

(Griffonnements avec la tête de Rembrandt, 237.)

SECOND STATE.—The plate reduced.

Date assumed, 1642.

Lent by H. DANBY SEYMOUR, Esq.

89 A MAN IN AN ARBOUR, 258.

(Homme sous une treille, 262.)

From the Hugh Howard Collection.

Rembrandt, f. 1642.

Lent by F. SEYMOUR HADEN, Esq.

90 A WOMAN IN A LARGE HOOD, 353.

(La femme de Rembrandt malade, 202.)

Saskia Rembrandt's Wife died in June, 1642. M. C. Blanc argues that this is her Portrait taken during the illness which preceded her death. The lower impression in the frame is apparently worked on in bistre, by Rembrandt himself. From the Hume Collection.

Date assumed, the early part of 1642.

Lent by F. SEYMOUR HADEN, Esq.

91 A WOMAN WITH A BASKET, 350.

(Le jeune fille au panier, 240.)

From the Barnard and Esdaile Collections.

Date assumed, 1642.

Lent by F. SEYMOUR HADEN, Esq.

92 A COTTAGE WITH WHITE PALES, 229.

(La chaumière entourée de planches, 332.)

SECOND STATE.—With the Date.

Rembrandt, f. 1642.

Lent by F. SEYMOUR HADEN, Esq.

93 A COTTAGE WITH WHITE PALES, 229.

(La chanmiere entourée de planches, 332.)

FIRST STATE.—Before the date, from the Garle Collection.

Rembrandt, f.

Lent by HENRY BRODHURST, Esq.

94 A HOG, 154.

(Le Cochon, 350.)

FIRST STATE.—Before the plate was reduced. From the Dumesnil Collection.

Rembrandt, f. 1643.

Lent by HENRY BRODHURST, Esq.

95 THE THREE TREES, 209.

(Le Paysage aux trois arbres, 315.)

From the Buckingham, Beckford, and Hodges Collections.

Rembrandt, f. 1643.

Lent by ST. JOHN DENT, Esq.

96 THE THREE TREES, 209.

(Le paysage aux trois arbres, 315.)

From the Garle Collection.

Rembrandt, f. 1643.

Lent by HENRY BRODHURST, Esq.

97 THE SHEPHERD AND HIS FAMILY, 217.

(Le Berger et sa famille, 321.)

From the Hume Collection.

Rembrandt, f. 1644.

Lent by F. SEYMOUR HADEN, Esq.

98 SKETCH OF A TREE, AND OTHER SUBJECTS, 366.

*(Griffonnement avec un arbre, 349.)**Date assumed, 1645.*

Lent by F. SEYMOUR HADEN, Esq.

99 ABRAHAM, WITH HIS SON ISAAC, 38.

(Abraham parlant à Isaac, 5.)

From the Garle Collection.

Rembrandt, f. 1645.

Lent by ST. JOHN DENT, Esq.

100 THE REST IN EGYPT, IN A WOOD BY NIGHT.

(Repos en Egypte ; effet de nuit, 30.)

FIRST STATE.—Before the introduction of the ass's head.

Date assumed, 1642.

Lent by Rev. J. GRIFFITHS, D.D.

101 OUR LORD ON THE CROSS BETWEEN THE TWO THIEVES :
An Oval, 85.

(*Jésus en croix entre deux larrons*, 54.)

Early impression. From the Garle Collection.

Date assumed, 1645-7.

Lent by ST. JOHN DENT, Esq.

102 SIX'S BRIDGE, 205.

(*Le pont de Six*, 311).

SECOND STATE.—With one of the men's hats shaded. From the Verstolk Collection.

Rembrandt, f. 1645.

Lent by F. SEYMOUR HADEN, Esq.

103 VIEW OF OMVAL NEAR AMSTERDAM, 206.

(*Vue d'Omval près d'Amsterdam*, 312.)

From the Charles Rogers's Collection.

Rembrandt, f. 1645.

Lent by R. S. HOLFORD, Esq.

104 THE FUNERAL OF JESUS, 86.

(*Jésus-Christ porté au tombeau*, 60).

Rembrandt. *Date assumed*, 1645. *Vosmaer considers this a much earlier piece.*

Lent by R. FISHER, Esq.

105 A LANDSCAPE WITH A MAN SKETCHING THE SCENE, 216.

(Le paysage au dessinateur, 320.)

From the Esdaile and Sykes Collections.

Date assumed, 1645.

Lent by F. SEYMOUR HADEN, Esq.

106 A VILLAGE WITH A CANAL AND A VESSEL UNDER SAIL, 225.

(Les chaumières près du canal, 329.)

From the Esdaile Collection.

Date assumed, 1646.

Lent by F. SEYMOUR HADEN, Esq.

107 A GROTTO WITH A BROOK, 228.

(La grotte et le ruisseau, 331.)

FIRST STATE.—From the De Fries, Verstolk and Garle Collections.

Rembrandt, 1645.

Lent by HENRY BRODHURST, Esq.

108 JOHN CORNELIUS SYLVIUS, 282.

(Portrait de Jean Corneille Sylvius, 187.)

Wilson speaks of this particular impression as the finest known. The portrait was taken probably from a picture painted in 1644, since Sylvius died in 1638.

From the Bosch, Josi, and Aylesford Collections.

Rembrandt, 1646.

Lent by R. S. HOLFORD, Esq.

109 THE BURGOMASTER SIX, 287.

(Le Bourgmestre Six, 184).

Represented holding the folio copy of his own Tragedy of the Medea.

SECOND STATE.—With the name of Rembrandt and date. From the Aylesford Collection.

THIRD STATE.—With the name of Jan Six.

Rembrandt, 1647.

Lent by R. S. HOLFORD, Esq.

110 THE BURGOMASTER SIX, 287.

(Le Bourgmestre Six, 184).

THIRD STATE.—With the name of Jan Six. From the Hume Collection.

Rembrandt, 1647.

Lent by F. SEYMOUR HADEN, Esq.

111 MEDEA: Or the Marriage of Jason and Creusa, 116.

(La Médée ou le Mariage de Jason et de Creuse, 82.)

Engraved as an Illustration to a Tragedy called the Medea, composed by the Burgomaster Six, who, in his portrait, is represented holding a folio copy. The volume in which the print appears is excessively rare. The Six Family possess a copy, and there is one in the Museum at Amsterdam. Charles Blanc gives an analysis of the Work.

FIRST STATE.—From the Aylesford Collection. The name and date do not appear until the third State.

Rembrandt, f. 1648.

Lent by R. S. HOLFORD, Esq.

112 PORTRAIT OF EPHRAIM BONUS, 280.

(*Éphraïm Bonus, dit le Juif à la rampe*, 172.)

FIRST STATE.—With the black ring. From the Aylesford Collection.
Only three impressions in this State are known.

SECOND STATE.—The stone in the ring is white, &c. From the same Collection.

Rembrandt, 1647.

Lent by R. S. HOLFORD, Esq.

113 EPHRAIM BONUS, 280.

(*Éphraïm Bonus, dit le Juif à la rampe*, 172.)

SECOND STATE.—With the white stone.

Rembrandt, 1647.

Lent by J. WEBSTER, Esq.

114 THE SPANISH GIPSY, 124.

(*La petite Bohémienne espagnole*, 83.)

M. C. Blanc, in his Work on Rembrandt, "L'Œuvre Complet de R.," Vol. ii., page 274, &c., has given the outlines of the "Preciosa" of Cervantes. A Dutch tragedy, called *la Bohémienne espagnole*, was founded on this Work; each Act in the piece was illustrated by an engraving—this one only by Rembrandt. Gersaint relates that the tragedy of The Gipsy was first performed in Amsterdam in the year 1650. This assists us in fixing the date of the print, which we assume to be about two years earlier. Vosmaer, comparing the foliage with that in the Flute-player, see No. 66, dated 1640, places this piece in the same year; but the work is probably more nearly of the date to which it is assigned.

Date assumed, 1648.

Lent by S. ADDINGTON, Esq.

115 SAINT JEROME: Sitting before the Trunk of an old tree, 108.

(Saint Jérôme écrivant, 74.)

FIRST STATE.—Before the name and date. From the Aylesford Collection.

SECOND STATE.—With the name and date. From the De Claussin and Aylesford Collections.

Rembrandt, f. 1648.

Lent by R. S. HOLFORD, Esq.

116 BEGGARS AT THE DOOR OF A HOUSE, 173.

(Mendiants à la porte d'une maison, 146.)

SECOND STATE.—With the name and date. From the Buckingham Collection.

Rembrandt, f. 1648.

Lent by F. SEYMOUR HADEN, Esq.

117 DOCTOR FAUSTUS, 272.

(Le docteur Faustus, 84.)

FIRST STATE.—With the rays of light extending nearly to the top of the window.

Date assumed, 1650.

Lent by HENRY BRODHURST, Esq.

118 PORTRAIT OF REMBRANDT DRAWING, 22.

*(Rembrandt dessinant, 235.)*THIRD STATE.—From the P. Remy, Chalon, Harding, and Garle Collections.
The name and date appear in the fifth State.*Rembrandt, f. 1648.*

Lent by HENRY BRODHURST, Esq.

119 PORTRAIT OF REMBRANDT DRAWING, 22.

(Rembrandt dessinant, 235.)

THIRD and FIFTH STATES.—The name and date appear in the fifth State.
From the Barnard and Esdaile Collections.

Rembrandt, f. 1648.

Lent by R. S. HOLFORD, Esq.

120 A JEW'S SYNAGOGUE, 130.

(La Synagogue, 98.)

SECOND STATE.—The mantle and foot of the Jew are worked upon.

Rembrandt, f. 1648.

Lent by F. SEYMOUR HADEN, Esq.

121 AN ORCHARD, WITH A BARN, 227.

(Le verger et la grange, 330.)

FIRST STATE.—From the Aylesford Collection.

THIRD STATE.—The plate reduced. From the same.

Date assumed, 1648.

Lent by R. S. HOLFORD, Esq.

122 SAINT JEROME, UNFINISHED, 109.

(Saint Jérôme, dans le goût d'Albert Dürer, 75.)

FIRST STATE, Unfinished.—From the Dijonval, Buckingham, Harding,
Lloyd, and G. Smith's Collections.

Date assumed, 1650.

Lent by HENRY BRODHURST, Esq.

123 ST. JEROME, UNFINISHED, 109.

(*Saint Jérôme, dans le goût d'Albert Dürer, 75.*)

SECOND STATE.—The Posts which support the bridge worked upon. From the Brentano Collection.

Date assumed, 1650.

Lent by Rev. J. J. HEYWOOD.

124 ST. JEROME, UNFINISHED, 109.

(*Saint Jérôme, dans le goût d'Albert Dürer, 75.*)

SECOND STATE.—The Posts which support the bridge worked upon. From the Aylesford Collection.

Date assumed, 1650.

Lent by F. SEYMOUR HADEN, Esq.

125 CHRIST HEALING THE SICK: Called "The Hundred Guilder Piece," 78.

(*Jésus-Christ guérissant les malades, ou la Pièce de cent florins, 49.*)

FIRST STATE.—Before the cross lines on the neck of the ass. From the Esdaile and Hibbert Collections.

Date assumed, 1650.

Lent by R. S. HOLFORD, Esq.

126 CHRIST HEALING THE SICK: Called "The Hundred Guilder Piece," 49.

(*Jésus-Christ guérissant les malades, ou la Pièce de cent florins, 49.*)

FIRST STATE.—Before the cross lines on the neck of the ass. From the Palmer Collection.

Date assumed, 1650.

Lent by Monsieur DUTUIT.

127 CHRIST HEALING THE SICK: Called "The Hundred Guilder Piece," 78.

(*Jésus-Christ guérissant les malades, on la Pièce de cent florins* 49.)

SECOND STATE.—With the cross lines on the neck of the ass.

Date assumed, 1650.

Lent by Rev. J. GRIFFITHS, D.D.

128 CHRIST HEALING THE SICK: Called "The Hundred Guilder Piece," 78.

(*Jésus-Christ guérissant les malades, ou la Pièce de cent florins*, 49.)

SECOND STATE.—With the cross lines on the neck of the ass.

Date assumed, 1650.

Lent by R. FISHER, Esq.

129 A VILLAGE, NEAR THE HIGH ROAD, ARCHED, 214.

(*Le paysage aux trois chaumières*, 318.)

SECOND, THIRD and FOURTH STATES.—From the Aylesford Collection.

THE FIRST STATE—Described by Wilson, is not known to exist.

Rembrandt, f. 1650.

Lent by R. S. HOLFORD, Esq.

130 A PEASANT CARRYING MILK PAILS, 210.

(*L'homme au lait*, 316.)

FIRST and SECOND STATES.—From the Aylesford Collection.

Date assumed, 1650.

Lent by R. S. HOLFORD, Esq.

131 THE COACH LANDSCAPE, 212.

(Le paysage au carrosse—pièce supprimée.)

This Piece is generally rejected. From the Aylesford Collection.

Date assumed, 1646-50.

Lent by R. S. HOLFORD, Esq.

132 A LANDSCAPE WITH TWO HOUSES LIGHTLY ETCHED AND WASHED WITH INDIAN INK, 211.

(Les deux maisons au pignon pointu, 317.)

Charles Blanc suggests that this is the work of P. de Koning.

Date assumed, 1648-50.

Lent by R. S. HOLFORD, Esq.

133 A LANDSCAPE WITH A CANAL AND SWANS, 232.

(Le Canal aux cygnes, 335.)

FIRST STATE.—From the Aylesford Collection.

SECOND STATE.—From the same. The meadow behind the cows is shaded.

Rembrandt, 1650.

Lent by R. S. HOLFORD, Esq.

134 A LANDSCAPE WITH A CANAL AND LARGE BOAT, 233.

(Le Paysage au bateau, 336.)

FIRST STATE.—From the Aylesford Collection.

SECOND STATE.—Not described by Wilson. The background has additional shading.

Rembrandt, f. 1650.

Lent by R. S. HOLFORD, Esq.

135 AN ARCHED LANDSCAPE WITH A FLOCK OF SHEEP, 221.

(*La grange à foin et le troupeau*, 325.)

FIRST STATE.—From the Barnard and Aylesford Collections.

THIRD STATE.—The background on the left introduced.

Rembrandt, f. 1636? The date, though it apparently reads 1636, is really 1650, which agrees with the date to which, from the style of its execution, the piece is assigned.

Lent by R. S. HOLFORD, Esq.

136 A LANDSCAPE WITH A COW DRINKING, 234.

(*Le paysage à la vache qui s'abreuve*, 337.)

FIRST STATE.—From the Aylesford and Jacker Collections. The ground to the right of the cow is white.

Date assumed, 1650-1.

Lent by HENRY BRODHURST, Esq.

137 A VILLAGE WITH A SQUARE TOWER, ARCHED, 215.

(*Le paysage à la tour carrée*, 319.)

FIRST STATE.—From the Aylesford Collection.

SECOND STATE.—From the Barnard and Harding Collections. The little tree at the angle of the tower is effaced, &c.

Rembrandt, f. 1650.

Lent by R. S. HOLFORD, Esq.

138 AN ARCHED LANDSCAPE WITH AN OBELISK, 224.

(L'Obélisque, 328.)

FIRST STATE.—From the Aylesford Collection.

SECOND STATE.—From the same. The roof of the house in the background is shaded.

Date assumed, 1650.

Lent by R. S. HOLFORD, Esq.

139 THE LANDSCAPE WITH A RUINED TOWER AND A CLEAR FOREGROUND, 220.

(Paysage à la tour, 324.)

FIRST AND THIRD STATES.—From the Aylesford Collection.

Date assumed, 1650.

Lent by R. S. HOLFORD, Esq.

140 THE LANDSCAPE WITH A RUINED TOWER AND A CLEAR FOREGROUND, 220.

(Paysage à la tour, 324.)

FIRST STATE.—The space between the gate and its buttresses shaded with cross strokes.

Date assumed, 1650.

Lent by F. SEYMOUR HADEN, Esq.

141 THE GOLDWEIGHER'S FIELD, 231.

(La Campagne du peseur d'or, 334.)

From the Barnard Collection.

Rembrandt, 1651.

Lent by R. S. HOLFORD, Esq.

142 THE CANAL, A LANDSCAPE OF AN IRREGULAR FORM, 218.

(*Le canal*, 322.)

From the Aylesford Collection.

Date assumed, 1650-2.

Lent by R. S. HOLFORD, Esq.

143 REMBRANDT'S HEAD, AND OTHER SKETCHES, 364.

(*Griffonnements légers avec la tête nue de Rembrandt*, 238.)

R. H., 1651.

Lent by H. DANBY SEYMOUR, Esq.

144 TOBIT, BLIND, 46.

(*Tobie aveugle*, 15.)

Rembrandt, f. 1651.

Lent by F. SEYMOUR HADEN, Esq.

145 THE GOLDSMITH, 127.

(*Le petit Orfèvre*, 94.)

Rembrandt, 1651.

Lent by F. SEYMOUR HADEN, Esq.

146 JESUS CHRIST IN THE MIDDLE OF HIS DISCIPLES, 94.

(*Jésus apparaissant à ses disciples*, 64.)

Rembrandt, 1650.

Lent by R. S. HOLFORD, Esq.

147 CLEMENT DE JONGE, 274.

(Clément de Jonge, 180.)

FIRST STATE.—From the Mariette and Galichon Collections.

Rembrandt, f. 1651.

Lent by F. SEYMOUR HADEN, Esq.

CLEMENT DE JONGE, 274.

(Clément de Jonge, 180.)

SECOND STATE.—The bar of the chair is etched with the single stroke. From the Astley Collection.

Rembrandt, f. 1651.

Lent by F. SEYMOUR HADEN, Esq.

149 CLEMENT DE JONGE, 274.

(Clement de Jonge, 180.)

THIRD STATE.—An arch introduced within the square. From the Mariette Collection.

Rembrandt, f. 1651.

Lent by F. SEYMOUR HADEN, Esq.

150 CLEMENT DE JONGE, 274.

(Clement de Jonge, 180.)

FIFTH STATE.—The background under the bar of the chair is white.

Rembrandt, f. 1651.

Lent by F. SEYMOUR HADEN, Esq.

151 JOHN ASSELYN, 279.

(Jean Asselyn, 171.)

FIRST STATE.—With the Easel.

Rembrandt, f. Date assumed, 1651.

Lent by R. S. HOLFORD, Esq.

152 JOHN ASSELYN, 279.

(Jean Asselyn, 171.)

FIRST STATE.—With the Easel. From the Garle Collection.

Rembrandt, f. Date assumed, 1651.

Lent by HENRY BRODHURST, Esq.

153 JOHN ASSELYN, 279.

(Jean Asselyn, 171.)

FIRST STATE.—Completed in crayon by Rembrandt.

Rembrandt, f. Date assumed, 1651.

Lent by E. CHENEY, Esq.

154 JOHN ASSELYN, 279.

(Jean Asselyn, 171.)

SECOND STATE.—With the Easel removed.

Rembrandt, f. Date assumed, 1651.

Lent by R. P. ROUPELL, Esq.

155 THE FLIGHT INTO EGYPT: A Night Piece, 58.

(Fuite en Égypte: effet de nuit, 26.)

THIRD STATE.—The landscape more worked upon. From the Hugh Howard Collection.

Date assumed, 1648–50.

Lent by F. SEYMOUR HADEN, Esq.

156 THE ADORATION OF THE SHEPHERDS: A Night Piece, 51.

(L'Adoration des Bergers, 19.)

FIRST STATE.—The Stall is not distinguished.

Date assumed, 1648–50. Vosmaer assumes a much earlier date for this Print.

Lent by E. CHENEY, Esq.

157 THE ADORATION OF THE SHEPHERDS: A Night Piece, 51.

(L'Adoration des Bergers, 19.)

FIRST STATE.—

Lent by ST. JOHN DENT, Esq.

158 PORTRAIT OF COPPENOL: A small Plate, 284.

(Petit portrait de Lieven Coppénol, 174.)

State not described by Wilson. Coming between his second and third.

Date assumed, 1652.

Lent by F. SEYMOUR HADEN, Esq.

159 PORTRAIT OF COPPENOL: A Small Plate, 284.)

(Petit portrait de Lieven Coppenol, 174.)

SECOND STATE.—The mathematical instruments are introduced. From the
Utterson Collection.

Date assumed, 1641.

Lent by HENRY BRODHURST, Esq.

160 THE DESCENT FROM THE CROSS: A Night Piece, 88.

(Descente de Croix au flambeau, 58.)

From the Marshall Collection.

Rembrandt, 1654.

Lent by F. SEYMOUR HADEN, Esq.

161 THE DESCENT FROM THE CROSS: A Night Piece, 88.

(Descente de Croix au flambeau, 58.)

From the Aylesford Collection.

Rembrandt, 1654.

Lent by R. S. HOLFORD, Esq.

162 THE PRESENTATION, IN REMBRANDT'S DARK MANNER, 55.

(Présentation au temple, dite en manière noire, 23.)

From the Garle Collection.

Date assumed, 1655.

Lent by ST. JOHN DENT, Esq.

163 THE PRESENTATION, IN REMBRANDT'S DARK MANNER, 55.

(*Présentation au temple, dite en maniere noire, 23.*)

From the Aylesford Collection.

Date assumed, 1655.

Lent by R. S. HOLFORD, Esq.

164 CHRIST PREACHING, 71.

(*Jésus Christ prêchant, la petite tombe, 39.*)

Date assumed, 1651.

Lent by F. SEYMOUR HADEN, Esq.

165 CHRIST PREACHING, 71.

(*Jesus-Christ prêchant, 39.*)

Date assumed, 1651.

Lent by R. S. HOLFORD, Esq.

166 JESUS DISPUTING WITH THE DOCTORS IN THE TEMPLE :

The Larger Sketch, 69.

(*Jésus Christ au milieu des docteurs, 36.*)

From the Chalon Collection.

Rembrandt, f. 1652.

Lent by F. SEYMOUR HADEN, Esq.

167 A LANDSCAPE, WITH A VISTA, 219.

(Le bouquet de bois, 323.)

THIRD STATE.—The name and date are added. From the Aylesford Collection.

Rembrandt, f. 1652.

Lent by HENRY BRODHURST, Esq.

168 THE FLIGHT INTO EGYPT, IN THE STYLE OF ELZHEIMER, 61.

(Fuite en Egypté, dans le gout d'Elzheimer, 29.)

SECOND STATE.—The foliage is finished.

Date assumed, 1652.

Lent by R. S. HOLFORD, Esq.

169 THE FLIGHT INTO EGYPT, IN THE STYLE OF ELZHEIMER, 61.

A Photographic Copy of the rare, probably unique, impression from the plate of Hercules Seghers, which was made use of by Rembrandt. Traces of the original figures of Tobit and the Angel can be seen in the impression of the plate after the alterations. Procured from the Ryks Museum at Amsterdam.

170 THE TRIUMPH OF MORDECAI, 44.

(Le Triomphe de Mardochée, 12.)

From the Hippenley Collection.

Date assumed, 1652-4.

Lent by F. SEYMOUR HADEN, Esq.

171 THE SPORTSMAN, 208.

(Le Chasseur, 314.)

FIRST STATE.—From the Wilson Collection.

Date assumed, 1652.

Lent by Monsieur DUTUIT.

172 THE SPORTSMAN, 208.

(Le Chasseur, 314.)

SECOND STATE.—The house and barn on the left are effaced.

Date assumed, 1652.

Lent by F. SEYMOUR HADEN, Esq.

173 THE SPORT OF KOLEF OR GOLF, 129.

(Le jeu de Kolef, 97.)

FIRST STATE.—Before the white spaces at the top were filled up. From the Howard Collection.

Rembrandt, f. 1634.

Lent by F. SEYMOUR HADEN, Esq.

174 JESUS DISPUTING WITH THE DOCTORS IN THE TEMPLE
A Sketch, 68.*(Jesus-Christ disputant avec les docteurs, 35.)**Rembrandt, f. 1654.*

Lent by F. SEYMOUR HADEN, Esq.

175 THE NATIVITY, OR ADORATION OF THE SHEPHERDS, 50.

(La Nativité, 18.)

FIRST STATE.—With the white spaces near the top. From the Hugh Howard Collection.

Rembrandt, f. Date assumed, 1654.

Lent by F. SEYMOUR HADEN, Esq.

176 THE FLIGHT INTO EGYPT : THE HOLY FAMILY CROSSING A RILL, 60.

(Fuite en Egypte, passage de l'eau, 28.)

From the Duke of Buckingham's Collection.

Rembrandt, f. 1654.

Lent by F. SEYMOUR HADEN, Esq.

177 THE CIRCUMCISION, 52.

(La Circoncision, 20.)

FIRST STATE.—Has several white spaces near the top. From the Howard Collection.

Rembrandt, f. 1654.

Lent by F. SEYMOUR HADEN, Esq.

178 THE HOLY FAMILY ; JOSEPH LOOKING IN AT THE WINDOW, 67.

(Sainte Famille ou la vierge ou chat, 34.)

FIRST STATE.—Several places near the top are white. From the Howard Collection.

Rembrandt, f. 1654.

Lent by F. SEYMOUR HADEN, Esq.

179 JESUS CHRIST ENTOMBED, 91.

(Jesus mis au tombeau, 61)

FIRST STATE.—In pure Etching.

SECOND STATE.—The finished plate.

Date assumed, 1654.

Lent by H. DANBY SEYMOUR, Esq.

180 JESUS FOUND BY HIS PARENTS IN THEIR JOURNEY FROM
JERUSALEM. 64.*(Jesus ramene du temple, 38.)*

From the Mariette Collection.

Rembrandt, f. 1654.

Lent by F. SEYMOUR HADEN, Esq.

181 DAVID ON HIS KNEES, 45.

*(David en prière, 13.)**Rembrandt, f. 1652.*

Lent by F. SEYMOUR HADEN, Esq.

182 OUR LORD AND THE DISCIPLES AT EMAUS, 92.

(Les pelerins d'Emmaüs, 63.)

FIRST STATE.—Before the rays and hat were defined.

Rembrandt, f. 1654.

Lent by F. SEYMOUR HADEN, Esq.

183 A LANDSCAPE WITH A GREAT TREE IN THE MIDDLE, 238.

(*Le grande arbre*, .340)

The only impression known of this doubtful print is in the Bibliothèque, from which this Photograph has been procured.

Date assumed, 1654-8.

184 OUR LORD BEFORE PILATE, 80.

(*Jésus Christ présenté au peuple*, 51.)

FIRST STATE.—From the Aylesford Collection. The name and date appear over the door to the right in the fourth state.

Rembrandt, *f.* 1655.

Lent by R. S. HOLFORD, Esq.

185 OUR LORD BEFORE PILATE, 80.

(*Jésus Christ présente au peuple*, 51.)

FIRST STATE.—The name and date appear over the door to the right in the fourth State. From the De Festetis Collection.

Rembrandt, *f.* 1655.

Lent by F. SEYMOUR HADEN, Esq.

186 ABRAHAM'S SACRIFICE, 39.

(*Le sacrifice d'Abraham*, 6.)

From the Garle Collection.

Rembrandt, *f.* 1655.

Lent by R. FISHER, Esq.

187 FOUR PRINTS FROM A SPANISH BOOK, 40.

(*Quatre Sujets pour un livre Espagnol*, 8.)

On Parchment from the cut-plate :—All first State.

The Vision of Ezekiel.

The Image which Nebuchadnezzar saw in his dream.

Jacob's Ladder.

The Combat of David with Goliath.

Rembrandt, f. 1655.

Lent by Monsieur DUTUIT.

188 ABRAHAM FRANZ, 275.

(*Abraham Frans*, 176.)

SECOND STATE.—

Date assumed, 1655.

Lent by HENRY BRODHURST, Esq.

189 ABRAHAM FRANZ, 275.

(*Abraham Frans*, 176.)

FOURTH STATE.—The earliest State, with the hair dark.

Date assumed, 1655.

Lent by Rev. GRIFFITHS, D.D.

190 PORTRAIT OF JAN ANTONIDES VAN DER LINDEN, 266.

(*Jan Antonides van der Linden*, 181.)

FIRST STATE.—Before the cross lines upon the arm.

Date assumed, 1655.

Lent by R. S. HOLFORD, Esq.

191 OUR LORD CRUCIFIED BETWEEN TWO THIEVES, 81.

(Les trois Croix, 53.)

FIRST STATE—From the Otto Collection. The name and date appear in the second State.

Rembrandt, f. 1653.

Lent by HENRY BRODHURST, Esq.

192 OUR LORD CRUCIFIED BETWEEN TWO THIEVES, 81.

(Les trois Croix, 53.)

FIRST STATE—From the Pierre Remy Collection. The name and date appear in the second State.

Rembrandt, f. 1653.

Lent by R. S. HOLFORD, Esq.

193 OUR LORD CRUCIFIED BETWEEN TWO THIEVES, 81.

(Les trois Croix, 53.)

The altered plate.

Rembrandt, f. 1653-5.

Lent by F. SEYMOUR HADEN, Esq.

194 JOHN LUTMA, 278.

(Janus Luima, 182.)

FIRST STATE (so called).—Completed in crayon by Rembrandt.

Rembrandt, f. 1656.

Lent by E. CHENEY, Esq.

195 JOHN LUTMA, 278.

(Fannus Lutma, 182.)

FIRST STATE (so called).—From the Barnard and Hibbert Collection.

SECOND STATE.—The window and bottle still wanting.

THIRD STATE.—With the names of Rembrandt and Lutma. And a counter-proof of the third State.

Rembrandt, f. 1656.

Lent by R. S. HOLFORD, Esq.

196 YOUNG HAARING, 277.

(Haaring le jeune, 170.)

FIRST STATE.—Before the window rod and name. From the Barnard Comesina, Sheepshanks, Knighton, and Maberley Collections.

Rembrandt, f. 1655.

Lent by HENRY BRODHURST, Esq.

197 PORTRAIT OF VAN TOLLING, 286.

(Le Docteur Petrus van Tol, 188.)

FIRST STATE.—From the Collection of M. Verstolk de Soelen.

Date assumed, 1656.

Lent by Rev. GRIFFITHS, D.D.

198 PORTRAIT OF VAN TOLLING,

(Le docteur Petrus van Tol—l'avocat Tolling—188.)

SECOND STATE.—From the Aylesford Collection.

Date assumed, 1656.

Lent by R. S. HOLFORD, Esq.

199 OLD HAARING, 276.

(*Haaring le vieux*, 178.)

THIRD STATE (so-called).—From the Garle Collection.

Date assumed, 1656.

Lent by HENRY BRODHURST, Esq.

200 OLD HAARING, 276.

(*Haaring le vieux*, 178.)

THIRD STATE (so-called).—From the Esdaile Collection.

Date assumed, 1656.

Lent by H. VAUGHAN, Esq.

201 OLD HAARING, 276.

(*Haaring le vieux*, 178.)

THIRD STATE (so-called) —

Date assumed, 1656.

Lent by H. DANBY SEYMOUR, Esq.

202 OLD HAARING, 276.

(*Haaring le vieux*, 178.)

THIRD STATE (so-called).—From the Aylesford Collection.

Date assumed, 1656.

Lent by R. S. HOLFORD, Esq.

203 SAINT FRANCIS PRAYING, 112.

(*Saint François à genoux*, 78.)

SECOND STATE.—With the background to the right added. In this State the name is repeated a second time.

Rembrandt, f. 1657.

Lent by R. S. HOLFORD, Esq.

204 SAINT FRANCIS PRAYING, 112.

(*Saint François à genoux*, 78.)

SECOND STATE.—With the background to the right added.

Rembrandt, f. 1657.

Lent by F. SEYMOUR HADEN, Esq.

205 ABRAHAM RECEIVING THE ANGELS.

(*Abraham recevant les anges*, 2.)

Rembrandt, 1656.

Lent by F. SEYMOUR HADEN, Esq.

206 OUR LORD IN THE GARDEN OF OLIVES, 79,

(*Jésus au jardin des Oliviers*, 50.)

Rembrandt, f. 165-. *Date assumed*, 1657.

Lent by F. SEYMOUR HADEN, Esq.

207 JESUS AND THE SAMARITAN WOMAN AT THE WELL: An
arched plate, 74.

(*La Samaritaine*, 45.)

SECOND STATE.—The plate cut to the size of the subject.

THIRD STATE.—With the name and date. From the Collections of M. de
Jong, Barnard, and Esdaile.

Rembrandt, *f.* 1658.

Lent by R. S. HOLFORD, Esq.

208 A NAKED WOMAN, SEEN FROM BEHIND, 202.

(*La Nègresse couchée*, 169.)

FIRST STATE.—Before the work was continued to the top of the plate.

Rembrandt, 1658.

Lent by F. SEYMOUR HADEN, Esq.

209 A WOMAN PREPARING TO DRESS AFTER BATHING, 196.

(*Femme au bain*, 163.)

Some interesting suggestions regarding this and similar pieces are found in
Charles Blanc's Second Vol., pp. 19, &c.

FIRST and SECOND STATES.

Rembrandt, *f.* 1658.

Lent by J. WEBSTER, Esq.

210 PORTRAIT OF REMBRANDT ON A HIGH AND NARROW
PLATE, 32. .

From Wilson's description it is evident that he had never seen this Print.
This is the impression from the Barnard Collection, referred to by
De Claussin.

Rembrandt, f. 1658.

Lent by Monsieur DUTUIT.

211 THE WOMAN WITH THE ARROW, 199.

(*La femme à la flèche*, 166.)

FIRST STATE.—With the clear spaces.

Rembrandt, f. 1661.

Lent by J. WEBSTER, Esq.

212 PORTRAIT OF COPPENOL : A Large Plate, 285.

(*Grand Portrait de Lieven Coppénol*, 175.)

SECOND STATE.—Before the curtain in the background. From the Aylesford
Collection.

Date assumed, 1661.

Lent by R. S. HOLFORD, Esq.

213 PORTRAIT OF COPPENOL : A Large Plate, 285.

(*Grand Portrait de Lieven Coppénol*, 175.)

BETWEEN THE SECOND AND THIRD STATES—From the Buckingham, Six
and Verstolk Collections.

Date assumed, 1661.

Lent by HENRY BRODHURST, Esq.

214 PORTRAIT OF COPPENOL, 285.

(Grand Portrait de Lieven Coppenol 175.)

State before the plate was reduced.

Date assumed, 1661.

Lent by ALFRED MORRISON, Esq.

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